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REDS THREATENING YANGTSE

Nationalists Await Reply From Big Four

FIGHTING NEARS HANKOW

Nanking, January 10.

A new Communist threat to the Nationalist defences along the Yangtse River, 300 miles West of the capital at Hankow, was reported here today as the Nationalist Government awaited the answer of the Big Four powers to its request for a cease-fire with the advancing Communists.

Unofficial, but usually reliable, Nationalist military sources said that Communist troops of General Liu Po-cheng's army had occupied Macheng and Hwayuan, 70 to 80 miles North of Hankow.

The Communists had moved up more troops into their old base in the Tapieh mountain area on the borders of Honan, Hupeh and Anhwei provinces, and another two columns of Mongolian reinforcements were moving rapidly South along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

The latest reports said that reinforcements had reached Chengchow, in North Honan.

The Communist moves were thought by informed observers to be of considerable importance, indicating that they intended to engage the Hankow defences much about the same time as they launched their main expected offensive against the Shanghai-Nanking area.

Red Designs

The threat in the West was designed, observers thought, to either hold General Pai Chung-hsi's forces from attempting to attack the flank of the main Communist offensive farther East, or attempt to take Hankow and then sweep down the Yangtse to prevent an expected retreat West of General Tang En-po's armies, if they were unable to hold the principal Nationalist defences of Nanking and Shanghai.

The Communist moves were regarded as particularly significant in light of earlier unconfirmed reports that General Pai, with other Western provincial commanders, was organising his own defence of the upper Yangtse and was no longer supporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

At Tientsin, meanwhile General Lin Piao's Communist armies tightened their ring today after overcoming determined Nationalist resistance.

Bitter Struggle

This unexpected vigorous opposition continues almost in full view of the population in danger of being overwhelmed by war dangers. The continuous arrival of wounded in hospitals in the former foreign concessions confirms heavy engagements being fought in the city's Western suburbs.

There appears much truth in the garrison statement of "a life and death struggle" in Tientsin. Fighting was reported to be particularly vicious at Tayuantsun, adjoining the Western gateway, last night but the Reds were finally repulsed despite human human sea tactics, according to an official claim.

While the result is still unknown of the four Tientsin councillors' peace mission to General Lin Piao at Yangtsun, the Chairman of the City Council, Mr. Yang Yi-chow, declared that should the 'situation demand his personal presence, he was ready to proceed to Yangtsun himself in order to secure peace.

It is understood that a second group of Councillors are planning to participate in peace mediation, possibly headed by Mr. Yang Yi-chow, with the participation of industrial, trade, educational and other leaders.

The Communist columns, converging on the last remnants of the encircled Nationalist Garrison to the South West of Hsuchow, were today shelling the headquarters of the Garrison Commander, General Tu Yu-ming.

Military observers said that the end of the Garrison's resistance, 170 miles North of Nanking, appeared in sight, and might now be a matter of hours.

Chaotic Scene

Unconfirmed reports reaching the capital tonight said that an almost incessant Communist artillery barrage since January 5 had reduced the Nationalist position to a chaotic scene. Casualties suffered by the Garrison's original strength of 180,000 troops and 20,000 civilians have been heavy.

Defeat means another catastrophe for the Nationalists as they fell back to defend the capital against the expected final Communist offensive.

About 16 Communist columns under General Chen Yi would be released for this offensive if the Garrison capitulated. Between seven and 10 columns of General Liu Po-cheng's armies were already in positions North of the Hwai river, ready to launch the assault.

Some observers said they expected the Communists on the Yangtse line by the last week in January.

Meanwhile, local Communist forces were becoming active North of the Yangtse. Except for certain specified free harbours, ports along the river between the mouth and Matang, below Nanking, have been closed to river traffic. All likely crossing places on the river were guarded.—Reuter.

Mystery On Taiwan Trip

Nanking, January 10.

The Government spokesman, Shen Chang-huan, today denied a report that Chiang Kai-shek would go to Formosa in three days to rest, leaving Vice-President Li Tsung-jen in charge.

The spokesman's formal statement did not eliminate the possibility of Chiang's flying to Formosa because of the possible retirement of his government or for any other reason than a rest.

Chiang's personal four engine transport plane has been flown from its usual place at the main airfield several miles outside Nanking to a field within Nanking walls, only a half a mile from Chiang's residence.—Associated Press.

Five Killed In Japan Air Mishap

Tokyo, January 10.

Two American fliers and three Japanese were killed on Saturday afternoon when a B-26 invader crashed into a Japanese factory at the village of Nishinomiya, 14 miles South West of Osaka, following a midair collision during a routine training flight, the Far East Air Forces Headquarters announced here today.

The official announcement said 26 Japanese employees of the factory suffered injuries "in varying degrees in the accident."

The Air Forces said the accident occurred when two B-26's, flying in formation, collided. One went out of control and plunged into a plant. The other aircraft, although damaged, landed at the Itami air force base successfully.

One of the Americans killed was Major Lewis S. Johnson, Jnr., 34, the pilot of the aircraft which struck the plant.

The name of the other American killed was withheld pending official notification to the next of kin in the United States.

Major Johnson's wife and three children live in the Army dependent housing area near the air base at Itami.

All the Japanese killed were 32 years old. Two were killed instantly. The other died a short time later in hospital.

Property damage to the plant, which is engaged in manufacturing wire drawing machinery and refrigerators, was estimated by Japanese at several million yen.

A board of Air Force officers has been appointed to investigate the accident.—United Press.

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Russians Accuse West On German Prisoners

Berlin, January 9.

The Russians today accused the British, French and American governments of entering into a secret agreement to prevent the repatriation of German prisoners of war, so that they could be sent to forced labour in Franco, Belgium and other European countries.

The official Soviet News Bureau in Berlin, in a statement, said that as a result the Western Allies had deliberately frustrated the drafting of a repatriation plan in the now defunct Allied Control Council.

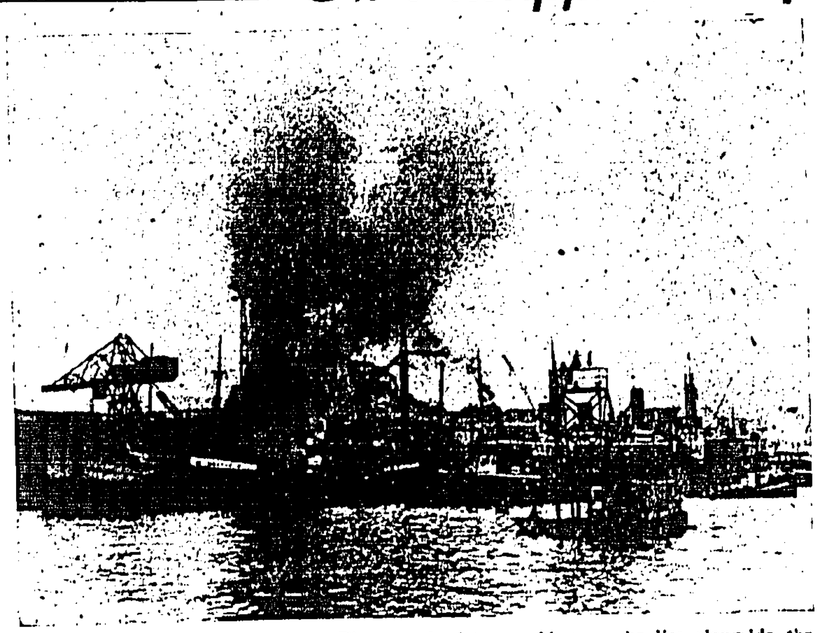
The statement said that "the facts" showed "the British, French and American authorities sabotaged a repatriation plan so that they could conceal from the Control Council, from the German people and from the world that they were sending a considerable number of German prisoners to forced labour in France and other European countries.

"Letters received from so-called free labourers in these countries show that there can be no question of voluntariness on their part."

A British spokesman said this latest Soviet allegation was completely without foundation. It was obviously designed to divert attention from the fact that the Russians had themselves failed to keep their promise to return all German prisoners of war by December 31, 1948.

He added: "The only German prisoners now in Allied countries are those who remained behind voluntarily."—Reuter.

Fire Breaks Out On Philippine Ship



The ms. Anakan, smoking as she lies alongside the ss. Bushwood and near the British steamer Hai Tan and Philippine steamer Mayon, all undergoing overhauling at Kowloon Docks. The burning vessel had to be beached 300 yards away in Hunghom Bay for fear of her possible sinking as water poured into her hold where two tons of cork were burning.—"China Mail" Photo.

Taxi Companies, Strikers Hold Second Meeting

At the end of the second conference between the taxi operators and their former drivers held in the offices of the Deputy Labour Commissioner yesterday, it was announced that the only agreement reached between the two parties was that 283, instead of 243, of the employees would be taken back by hte companies.

There were two conferences held yesterday, one from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and the second from 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m., both attended by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen, Major H.F.G. Chauvin, and Mr. K.A. Baker.

In the morning, the strikers' deputies demanded that 354 of the 550 men be re-instated. The employers countered with 283 and refused to dismiss any of the new men.

When the meeting was resumed in the afternoon, the strikers announced their willingness to accept the figure of 283 provided that the men be chosen by the Union.

The operators rejected this proposal on the ground that many of the former drivers were useless and were merely supercargo on their payrolls. They suggested that ex-employees re-register with their respective employers, and that the management should have the right to choose their own men.

Without agreeing to this proposal, the Motorcars Drivers' Association representatives put, forward the further proposal that all future vacancies be filled by those not re-instated.

The representatives of the taxi companies refused this suggestion but voiced their readiness to make out lists of those men for future reference. However, they reserved the right to employ new men should the necessity arise.

It was understood that the Union members will be holding a meeting to discuss the owners' proposals, and that they will notify the Labour Commissioner of any decision they may make.

Subsequent Meeting

At a subsequent meeting held at the Association's quarters, the drivers' representatives reported to about 400 members present the results of the negotiations.

The representatives accused the owners of going back on their word as, they alleged, on Saturday last a tentative compromise was arrived at, subject to confirmation by both sides. The compromise provided that an initial reinstatement of 336 drivers would replace the drivers' demand for the re-employment of all the strikers.

At yesterday's meeting said the representatives, the owners' representatives announced that they could not re-employ more than 283 men, giving as the reason their inability to put back all the pre-strike number of cabs on the roads.

Mr. Macfadyen, reported the Union representatives, suggested that the operators might engage the remainder of the 51 men on a month's trial to see whether business would justify their retention. This, it was alleged, was flatly turned down by the operators.

After the Union representatives had announced the results, the meeting decided to break off all negotiations and to resume picketing as from today.

Cargo Of Cork Burns As Fire Breaks Out On Philippine Vessel

Two hours after a fire of unknown origin badly burned her cargo of cork, the Philippine motorship Anakan was beached last night in Hunghom Bay, 300 yards from her original place alongside Kowloon Docks, to prevent her possible sinking.

The fire occurred at 3.40 p.m. in the fore hold of the Anakan, which was due to leave Hong Kong by the end of the month, after nearly completing a six-month overhauling, for the Philippine intra-island trade. The cause of the blaze was still undetermined late last night.

None of the four Filipinos, the skeleton crew working on board at the time of the outbreak, was injured. Damage to the bitumin cork and wood, part of the equipment of the refrigerating machine of the ss. Don Jose, ready to be shipped to Manila, has not been ascertained.

The Anakan, lying alongside the ss. Bushwood, which is also undergoing repairs, listed to starboard when several hoses poured water into her smoking hold. When she appeared to be tilting dangerously, two tug boats, the Dorothy and Edith, were sent for to tow the burning ship to the Hunghom Bay beach, 300 yards away.

At 5.30 p.m., the Philippine freighter was dragged off the Bushwood. Station Officer V.C. Seymour and a party of firemen were aboard.

For five anxious minutes, those on board the Bushwood watched the stricken ship list slowly to starboard as she was pulled away. The fire fighters, enveloped in thick smoke aboard the Anakan, clung to the port deck railings ready for any emergency.

The ship remained at a steady angle, however, as the Edith slowly towed her to the beach, where the firemen continued to fight the blaze.

Before the outbreak, it was reliably learned, welding work on the ship's hawser pipe was going on. Vitialimo Gelito, a Filipino greaser who was in the engine room when the fire occurred, was warned by some Chineses labourers that No. 1 hold was smoking.

Four fire appliances and a fire float were sent to Kowloon Docks with Divisional Officer H. Tiplady and Station Officers Seymour and S.C. Chak. The police officers present included Chief Inspector Gowans, SI Macdonald and DSI Blenkinsop. The Kowloon Docks Yard Manager, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Ramsay, assistant yard manager, were present also.

The Edith stood by all night, to keep the stern of the Anakan in deep water should she veer round.

Behind the Anakan, also undergoing repairs, were the British steamer Hai Tan and the Philippine freighter Mayon. None of the vessels lying near, however, was in any danger of catching fire as there was no breeze at the time.

Arrived In July

The Anakan arrived here for repairs last July, and she was due to join the Philippine intra-island trade by the end of this month. Dr. Jose Paterno, Hong Kong representative of the owners, Madrigal Shipping Company of Manila, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

The vessel was recovered at Singapore last May, apparently discarded there by the Japanese, who had seized her at Manila when they occupied the islands, Dr. Paterno said.

General overhauling had been completed by Kowloon Docks, and the ship was undergoing minor touching up by private labourers. Her engines are now nearing completion by Kowloon Docks.

The cargo aboard the ill-fated vessel was part of the equipment of the refrigerating machine of the former American Navy transport, Don Jose, which is now in the United States. The major part of it is in the Taikoo Sugar Refinery godowns, Dr. Paterno said.

The skeleton crew, who were to bring the Anakan across the Pacific to Manila, are already preparing to leave the islands. Seven of them are now en route by plane.

Dr. Paterno added that there were about two tons of cork aboard the Anakan.

The Weather

At 0600 (2 p.m. HKST) the main high pressure centre is over NW China with a weak ridge extending ESE to Japan.

A trough which has formed over the Sea of Japan appears to be developing in the SW direction.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E winds. Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 62.1 deg. Fah
Minimum: 46.9 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.1 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.=0.08 inch as against an average of 16.8 mm.=0.40 inch.

	Readings at 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barm. at m.s.l.	1024.8	1020.4 m.b.
	Equals 30.25	30.13 inches.
Rel. Humidity	61	59 %
Dew Point	48°	47 deg. F.
Wind Direction	NE	E
Wind Force	10	8 knots.

Tides:—

	Time	Ht.
High	0724	8.9
"	1810	6.8
Low	0121	2.4
"	1132	66

Britain May Send Reinforcements To Mediterranean

London, January 10.

Britain is considering sending reinforcements of land, sea and air power to the Eastern Mediterranean in addition to the powerful fleet of warships already assembling at Malta, only 48 hours sailing time from Tel Aviv.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, conferred with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on the British-Israeli crisis brought about by Israeli action in shooting down five British planes last Friday and the possibility of sending more strength to the area.

Then the two top leaders conferred with an emergency meeting of the Cabinet Defence Committee gathered at No. 10, Downing Street.

Present were representatives of the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry, along with the Service chiefs from these three branches of the armed forces.

The Admiralty spokesman, noting reports of important naval movements already under way in the Mediterranean, said the Commander-in-Chief there could act on his own in marshalling his forces. He said any reinforcements would have to be sent in by higher authorities.

The British Foreign Office does not appear to be worried by Israel's refusal to accept the British protest against Israel's action in shooting down five British planes.

Israel's Foreign Office in Tel Aviv refused to accept the note because it was addressed to the "Jewish authorities" rather than to the Israeli government which Britain has not recognised.

The spokesman said the Foreign Office was confident the Israeli authorities would read the note before returning it as misaddressed. The note said Britain took a "grave view" of the incident and reserved the right of subsequent action.

British quarters said Israel's actions on the diplomatic and military fronts confirmed the British contention that Israel was unworthy of recognition as a government.

The Foreign Office spokesman dismissed as "untrue and impertinent" Israel's formal complaint that Britain's action in sending reinforcements to Akaba, Transjordan port on the Red Sea, violated the UN Security Council's arms embargo, for the Middle East.—United Press.

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To Bring Issue Before U.N.?

London, January 10.

Government sources said Britain's next step probably will be a strong demand that the UN Security Council insist that Jewish troops be kept within the boundaries of Israel and that Israel pay damages for the loss of British planes and pilots.

Israel, meanwhile, has refused for a second time to accept a British protest against the shooting down of five RAF planes.

At the same time Israel has handed a United Nations official a protest of her own against the landing of British troops at Akaba, Transjordan's sea port.—A.P.

Hotel Rates Report Under Fire

The recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee came under fire at a Committee meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotel Residents' Association, which was held last night under the chairmanship of Mr. Ralph Shaw, president.

Members of the Committee present were: Captain Traill, Mrs. E.M. Lee, Mrs. Dekker and Mr. H.W. Brown.

After the text of the recommendations had been severely criticised, as being ambiguous, and several alleged misstatements in the Advisory Committee's report pointed out, the meeting decided to pursue the matter of hotel rates vigorously.

With a view to giving the Government as comprehensive a picture as possible of the reaction of members of the association from as many hotels as possible, it was decided to ask hotel residents to write to the Committee and to state their views on the recommendations as they were published.

Hotel residents are asked to write to the president, Mr. R. Shaw, at the Union Hotel, by Monday, January 17. A meeting will be held on the following day and the views of the hotel residents will be included in a comprehensive report, which will be submitted to the Government.

All members of the committee called for vigorous action and expressed the hope that they would be supported by as many hotel residents as possible.

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BROTHER OF ACCUSED TESTIFIES IN PWD CASE

More evidence by Crown witnesses at the fifth hearing of the PWD larceny trial was heard at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The witnesses giving evidence included Kwok Hing-chu, Kwok Kwong's brother, O. Julebin, former clerk and interpreter at the Cathay Pacific Airways' field office at Kai Tak, and four others.

In the dock are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grade I electrical inspector, who are facing 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Yesterday's hearing commenced with Kwok Hing-chu going into the witness box for cross-examination by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, who had reserved his cross-examination from Friday.

In 1930, witness stated, he joined John D. Hutchinson and Company as a clerk, and was stationed at the Canton branch of the company. He went into business, witness disclosed, with one Tsu Sik-chung in Canton, in 1945, in a Chinese Bank. After the war he returned to the Colony and rejoined John D. Hutchinson and Company's Import and Export Department.

Asked whether the company had any imports in electrical materials, witness replied in the negative.

Kwok denied having any connection in the business of Cheong Hing, although he said he knew somebody in the firm.

Dealing with the question of the cheques, Mr. D'Alton put to witness that witness' name on one of the cheques indicated he received the money and signed for it in spite of the cheque being made out to Cheong Hing. Witness agreed to this point.

Witness, however, stated that Kwok Kwong told him to write the name of Cheong Hing on the back of the cheque, and further added that, without that name, the cheque could not pass into the current account.

Mr. D'Alton: I put it to you that, if I write my name on the cheque it means that I received the money on their authority. Is that right?

Witness: I was only acting at the request of Kwok Kwong.

You are not answering my question. It that right?—Yes, that is so.

Mr. D'Alton then asked witness if he had ever seen Spary before, indicating second accused in the dock. Witness replied that he had never seen him before.

Not Done By Firm

The next witness was the master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, Lam Yang, who testified that in 1947 and 1948 his company was not engaged in any electrical work at the CPA at Kai Tak, at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Cecilia Beauty Salon, or at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. He further testified that the work as enumerated in the bills shown to him in Court was not done by the firm.

As to how these bills came to be, Lam explained that Kwok Kwong one day telephoned him and asked him to meet him at a tea house. There, Kwok Kwong, it is alleged, asked witness to make out a bill for a friend who had no banking account.

Witness said he finally agreed to do this, and a draft for the bill was given him, containing materials used for the work. Prices were also included in the bill, witness said. This happened in all the cases concerning the bills for the many jobs he said.

Leung Pun-ching, clerk in the Cheong Hing firm, testified that he had made out the bills which was part of his job, and had also kept records of such bills.

The cashier of John D. Hutchinson and Company, Miss Yung Lam-suk, gave evidence to the two cheques given to her by Kwok Hing-chu, one of which was dated May 22, 1948.

Witness was cross-examined by the defence, after which Lo Hang, a PWD chargeman, gave testimony of the electrical work done at Kai Tak, and that materials were taken from Hung Hom for that job. Witness further testified to the work done at the Beauty Saloon at 1 Hankow Road, which took one and a half days to complete. This work consisted of putting in power plugs, he and two other men did it.

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The work was done, witness stated, on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday. They were paid an extra six dollars for working overtime.

Cross-examining, Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for Kwok Kwong, referred to previous evidence regarding the taking over of the Hung Hom electrical workshop by a Mr. May. He asked witness how many times May came to inspect the work being done anywhere. Witness replied that he had seen May on many occasions when he was working at the Government Radio office at Kai Tak.

Witness further added that he saw May inspect the workmen on almost every Government job.

When May came to inspect the Government work at Kai Tak, witness revealed, May did not speak to him or to any of his fellows at all, except only once in a while, when the position of certain materials had to be determined.

In reply to a question, witness revealed that he was one of three chargemen at Hung Hom.

Mr. Chen: Where was the last job you did before coming to this Court?

Witness: At the Kowloon Hospital.

On that job do you know who made the estimate of the materials used?—The one who made the estimate came from the Wanchai workshop, as the main store was in Wanchai.

Lo, under cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, stated that he did not remember when he received payment for the work done at the barber shop at 1 Hankow Road.

Mr. D'Alton then asked witness how he could be sure he was paid at all, to which Lo replied that on that day he was paid an extra six dollars, beside his payment, for overtime work.

Mr. D'Alton then told witness that, were he an honest man and some one paid him money for that work, he should have given the money back to whoever paid him. Witness stated that he did not receive a cent from the barber shop.

Mr. D'Alton: But you knew that the work done at the barber shop was not a Government job.

Witness: I do not know whether it was a Government job or not.

To Take Orders

Witness further stated that his idea was that he had to take orders from his foreman, whatever work he was told to do.

The last witness at yesterday's hearing, O. Julebin, formerly of the CPA office at Kai Tak, stated in evidence that he was present when Mr. Harris, his superior at that time, handed a cheque to Au Pui.

Julebin, in reply to a query, said that Mr. Rowe came to the Colony about the same time as Mr. Harris did, and that both could not speak Cantonese.

Witness further revealed under cross-examination that he was on interpreter at the CPA office.

Mr. Chen: You said in your evidence that Au Pui was in charge of the job at CPA?

Witness: Yes.

That was the reason that you called him the foreman in your evidence?—Yes.

Did you say in the Lower Court that "I did all the interpreting work and I spoke to Au Pui?"—Yes.

Did you say that the work was completed and that Au Pui was in charge all the time?—Yes.

Witness further admitted, that he had mentioned receiving some electrical equipment from Manila, and that he had showed Au Pui some of them.

Julebin said that Au Pui was shown the position of the plugs to be put in, by Mr. Rowe.

Mr. Chen: Are you surprised that Rowe did not mention anything about Au Pui at all?

Witness: He might not have remembered.

You remember the bill that was brought - to you and you brought to Harris. Was Au Pui the man who brought it?—Yes.

And he asked you for cash?—Yes.

Witness further added that he went and told Harris about it, and Harris said he did not have cash available for that purpose.

Mr. Chen: Would you be surprised to know if Harris said in his evidence that it was Kwok Kwong who came for the cheque?

Witness: Yes.

And if Harris said that it was Kwok Kwong who came for the cheque, then he was mistaken?—That is right.

Under cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, Julebin said that once the work stopped because the men had not been paid.

He also admitted never having seen Spary before, and that he had only heard him through the telephone, when, due to the stopping of work of the men witness was instructed to ring up Spary. This he did, he said, telling Spary about it. Witness alleged that Spary told him he would see about it.

Mr. D'Alton: I put it to you that Spary told you on the phone that if you had not paid the electrical contractor, you could not expect the men to work.

Witness: It might have been so, I cannot remember.

Hearing will continue this morning at 10.

Minor Party Demands Surrender

The Chi Kung Tong, one of the minor political parties in Hong Kong, opposed to the Kuomintang Government of China, has issued a statement demanding the unconditional surrender of the Chiang Kai-shek government.

The statement described the current civil strife in China as a war between the democratic and the anti-democratic powers.

It added that the struggle has reached a stage where the revolution must continue to the end to exterminate the powers of the reactionaries. "There is no middle way," said the statement.

It reviewed the history of the the Chinese Revolution from the period when the Kuomintang split with the Communist Party in 1927.

The Chi Kung Tong's statement concluded that the armed forces of the reactionary Kuomintang Government must be completely dissolved; that the Nanking Government must surrender unconditionally; that a really united democracy must be achieved; that the American intervention in China's internal affairs must be opposed; and that the China problem must be left to the new Political Consultative Conference for solution.

Fined For Keeping Gaming House

A game of cards, in which 11 men participated, at 58 Shanghai Street, second floor, was interrupted on Saturday by the arrival of Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison and a party of police.

Tong Kuen and the others were taken into custody, and $20.80 found in the "kitty" was seized.

Charged before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with keeping a common gaming house, Tong was fined $150, or a month's imprisonment, and the 10 gamblers were fined the maximum of $25 each. The $20.80 was donated to the Poor Box.

Inspector J. Orem, who prosecuted, said that around the Chinese New Year there is usually quite a lot of gambling going on. The Chinese seem to feel that they are entitled to a flutter, he said, but when they lose, people of defendant's type would recoup themselves by robberies and burglaries.

Drives Car Without Care

Law Nei-kwey, aged 38, of 80 Macdonnell Road, first floor, was driving his car along Castle Peak Road towards Castle Peak about 4 p.m. on Sunday when the car swerved to the right and ran off the road into a gully.

After dropping 10 feet, the vehicle landed right side up, although it turned a somersault before the fall. The driver's daughter, who was the only other occupant, sustained very slight scratches.

The above was told by Inspector F. Roberts when Law was charged before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with driving without due care and attention.

In reply to the bench, defendant said that he could not say why the car should have swerved to the right. He was fined $150, and his licence to be endorsed.

Extradition Proceedings

Extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chwang alias Tsui Kai-cheong continued before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Hsu is being defended by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, and the Hon. Leo d'Almada KC instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Mr. A. Lonsdale is prosecuting and Mr. Peter Sin is representing the Chinese Government.

Yesterday's hearing saw Hsu in the witness box, cross-examined by the prosecutor as well as his counsel.

Final hearing will be given on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. before the defending counsel's legal submission.

SIX MONTHS FOR STEALING

Li Pak, aged 30, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with stealing $50 and a Parker fountain pen from Li Yuet.

Inspector Moran, said that on January 8, complainant was sleeping in Room 422 at the Sun Wah Hotel in Connaught Road Central when he saw defendant in his room.

A sentence of six months was imposed on him.

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Mail From Burnt Plane

Nine of the 11 bags of air mail sent from Shanghai to Hong Kong by the CNAC Skymaster which crashed on Basalt Island on December 21 have been recovered from the wreckage.

The "China Mail" learned officially yesterday that a considerable amount of the recovered mail has had to be patched up at the General Post Office. Many letters were burned.

Letters on which the addresses could not be read as a result of the damage were sent back to Shanghai. The others were delivered during the past few days.

Total weight of the 11 original bags of air mail was 183 kilos. The recovered nine bags weighed 111 kilos.

Ghost Ships Enter Hong Kong

Unlike other ships entering Hong Kong with flags fluttering, their crew and passengers crowding the deck for a glimpse of the Colony, two vessels sailed into local waters yesterday in pathetic "mute silence."

They were the 10,000-ton disused former American Navy transport, IX 157, and the Panamanian steamer, Panamanian, both towed by ocean-going tugs from Shanghai and Clover Cove, Taipo, respectively.

Both will be taken to the "has-been" anchorage off Laichikok, where they will await repairing or scrapping.

The former passenger-cargo steamer, Panamanian, which was taken to Clover Cove for refuge when a typhoon struck the Colony late last year, was brought back by the Frosty Moller and HMS Impore.

The 15,000-ton hulk was recently bought by a local manufactory to be scrapped and turned into steel rods, ship chandlery and construction accessories. She arrived here last January from Singapore. She was formerly the Mongolia.

The tugs met bad weather when coming down from Mirs Bay.

The former American Navy transport was bought, among several hundred others from American war surplus, by the Hong Kong Shipping Company, which has brought into local waters eight disused vessels during the last few months.

The IX 157 is the third biggest ship to be towed here for the company. The first of these a 14,000-ton former USN oil tanker, is now waiting to be scrapped or repaired off Laichikok, to where the "has beens" are towed.

Built in 1920, the vessel has a net tonnage of 10,000 tons and measures 400 feet long by 54 feet wide. She was towed here by the Sea Badger, which recently brought some other disused ships from Shanghai and Manila.

Another similar ship is now en route to Hong Kong, the company reported yesterday. She is due to reach here by the week-end.

HARD LABOUR FOR WOUNDING

At Central yesterday, Mr Hinshing Lo sentenced So Pak Hau to three months hard labour for malicious wounding of a woman, Kwok Lai-wah, on June 23 last year.

Defendant was also ordered to pay $100 compensation to the complainant. In addition, he was bound over in the sum of $500 for one year.

Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon talk on "The Order of St. John" by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

HK Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toc H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Rd.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Ball, HK Hotel.

HK Council of Women, general meeting, YWCA, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m., Mr. J. B. Dorow on "Community Chest".

Toastmaster's Night (F. E. Skinner), European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Queen's College Speech Day, 20, Kennedy Road, Sir Robert Ho Tung presents prizes, 11 a.m.

Dr. D.P. Dobson lectures on "Local Government", Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, 6 p.m.

Voice Trial to fill vacancies in St. John's Cathedral Boy Choir, at the Cathedral, 4 p.m.

U.S. Ship Arrives After Exciting N. Korea Journey

The first American ship to enter North Korean waters since the war has arrived in Hong Kong after undergoing a thorough three-week screening by the authorities in the Yalu River, six miles from Shingisho.

"The North Koreans were highly suspicious of the crew, especially myself and my American chief engineer, Mr. H. Choller, as it was the first occasion they had seen an American vessel in the river," Captain Albert van Arsdale, master and owner of the former submarine chaser Blue Bird, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Captain Van Arsdale

"They deliberately held up our cargo loading for three weeks to investigate our bona fides before they were completely convinced we are ordinary people carrying on legitimate trade."

The Water Police took their radio sets, ship's papers and cameras ashore on their arrival there, Captain van Arsdale said. They visited the ship every day to interrogate the crew about their personal history, experience and connections. The radios and cameras, however, were returned on the day of their departure.

"The North Koreans were all armed and they were in complete control of the situation," Captain van Arsdale declared. He said that he could do no more than to protest that what they did was against International Law and not helpful towards promoting foreign commerce. That fell on deaf ears, however.

Aground On Sand Bar

Owing to faulty pilotage and lack of channel buoys, said the master of the newly-converted American chaser which is now a fast 110-ton freighter, the Blue Bird ran aground on a sand bar in the Yalu River as she was sailing upstream. When the tide ebbed, the vessel was embedded in soft sand with the tide three feet below her keel. Except for her outboard starboard shaft strut which was slightly put out of line, there was no material damage.

They had an eight-hour stretch on the 100 yards by 50 yards sandbank before the water rose and the Blue Bird pulled out. It took nearly five days to put the strut back in line.

During her trip up to Korea with a cargo of chemicals and rubber from Hong Kong the Blue Bird met strong North East monsoons and pitched deeply in raging seas for nearly two weeks before reaching Chemulpho, South Korea, where they refilled.

The Blue Bird took about a week to reach here from Chemulpho, after staying in North Korean waters for about a month. She was the last vessel to pull out of the Yalu River on Christmas Day before it froze to close navigation until April this year, Captain van Arsdale said. When they left, the river was already covered with a thing sheet of ice. The temperature was then around 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Permitted To Land

At Shingisho, Captain van Arsdale said, one of the four cargo owner representatives, who travelled with the ship from Hong Kong, deserted. The representatives were permitted to land at Shingisho, but none of the ship's personnel were allowed. The ship's cargo had to be taken ashore by lighters.

There is plenty of small business between Dairen and Shingisho, and the Yalu River is full of small craft. Port facilities at Chemulpho, the South Korean port, he said, will be handed over to the Korean Government on January 15. Many American troops had been removed from that city, either for home or Seoul, about 30 miles away.

Meanwhile, the Blue Bird will go into dry dock before departing for her next business assignment. She will undergo a thorough general overhaul.

CHURCH CHOIR RECOMMENDED

The very favourable reception accorded to the St. Andrew's Church Choir at its recital on January 2 reflected the greatest credit on Lieutenant D. Carwardine, the choir-master, the members, and the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie.

When it is borne in mind that the choir is composed principally of servicemen and students of the Diocesan Girls' School, and that practices were attended by only those who could get off, the clear and precise manner in which the various items were sung was most pleasing.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs issued by the Labour Office for the week ended January follows:—

Rice and Flour	7.2	catties	HK$4.7700
Vegetables	1.9	„	1.2540
Salt Cabbage	.2	„	.1480
Oil	.7	„	1.4770
Tea	.2	„	.9600
Salt Fish	.3	„	.7880
Fish	.4	„	1.0680
Pork	.3	„	.8100
Firewood	10.0	„	.3900
Bean Curd, 14 pieces			.7000
Total			HK$13.8600

J.G.W. Weston Appointed Policy Director

Air Commodore J. G. W. Weston, who spent last year attending the course at the Imperial Defence College, took up an Air Ministry appointment on January 1 as Director of Policy (Air Staff).

Another new director at the Air Ministry is Air Commodore A.J. Rankin, who has become Director of Intelligence (Operations) on his return from Japan, where he was Air Officer in Charge of Administration at Air Group Headquarters, British Commonwealth Occupation Force.

A signals specialist, Air Commodore Western was commandant of the RAF Central Signals Establishment before he went to the Imperial Defence College and was formerly Director of Signals at the Air Ministry. Early in 1948 he was attached to Eastern Air Command, Africa, for signals duties in connection with the North African campaign which he helped to plan.

Born in November, 1908, at Lions River, Natal, South Africa, where his father, a British Army officer, lived for a time after he had gone on the Reserve following the South African war, Air Commodore Western was educated at Cranbrook School, Kent, and at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, from which he was commissioned in December, 1928.

A Canadian, born in October, 1896, he served with a Canadian Infantry regiment and afterwards with the RNAS in the first world war, transferring to the RAF in 1918.

Two men, armed with a revolver each, gained entrance into a hut at Shek Kong, Kam tin district, about 2 p.m. and, after binding the inmates, decamped with money and clothing, the total value of which has not yet been ascertained. The robbers fled in the direction of Shek Tau Wai.

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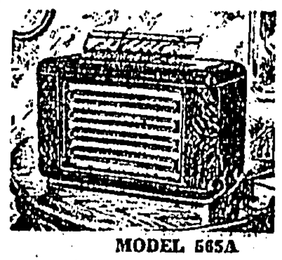

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KWANGTUNG GUERILLA LEADER DESERTS

Huang Kuo-chuan, former independent guerilla leader, has deserted the Kwangtung Government forces and is back again as ruler of the Bias Bay region, according to travelling traders from Swatow yesterday.

The traders said that the latest reports the Swatow authorities had received said that Huang was heading for the Islands of the Turtle's Soul, some 80 miles North East of Hong Kong.

According to the traders, Huang, dissatisfied with the treatment he and his men were receiving from the Kwangtung Provincial authorities, rebelled on New Year Eve.

Rallying two companies of armed Peace Preservation Corps in which he was in charge near Tung Hong, a small district near Swatow, he took to the hills on the night of December 31. He escaped with a considerable amount of arms and ammunition, including several machine-guns

A Year Ago

Less than a year ago, Huang Kuo-chuan "reformed" and threw in his lot with the provincial authorities.

It was then reported that he was responsible for turning in Huang Yi-min, one of Marshal Li Chai-sum's lieutenants sent from Hong Kong to contact the guerilla leader for the release of Tan Kit-cheang

Tan was one of the six hostages taken off the ss. Van Heutsz on December 15, 1947 at Chilang Point, one of the islands in the Turtle Group.

Huang Kuo-chuan was also said to be the leader of the Bias Bay pirates. His land force was called the Democratic Army of South China.

He had been appointed Commander of the Peace Preservation Corps in an area between Swabue and Swatow. His own men were incorporated into the Corps.

Became Dissatisfied

Lately, according to the traders, he became dissatisfied with the treatment received from the provincial authorities—lack of funds, of arms and ammunition and lack of food and clothing for his men—and decided to return to his former life.

Regular troops sent from Swatow failed to catch up with Huang and his men.

The traders told the "China Mail" yesterday that Huang has probably re-established himself at his former headquarters on one of the small islands in the Turtle Group as ruler of the region.

IRC To Hold Chinese New Year Dance

Members of the Indian Recreation Club and their friends who attended the Club's Xmas Eve Dance will be interested to learn that another dance has been arranged for Chinese New Year's Eve, January 28, commencing at 9 p.m.

A first class Filipino dance band will provide the music and dancing will be "from 9 p.m. until..."

Arrangements are again in the capable hands of Mr. A.K. "Coke" Marker, of softball fame, and it is understood that he has a number of very pleasant surprise up his sleeves for those who will rendezvous at the IRC.

The Club has a number of social events on its calendar for the winter season and it is learned that many members have signified their intention to support the Sunday open air luncheons which it is proposed to hold "whenever the sun shines on Sundays."

Drunk And Disorderly

Before he collapsed on the floor of the European YMCA, A. Hoodeley, chief engineer of the ss Sea Wolf, was seen at Salisbury Road without his overcoat or jacket and with his shirt torn. He was swearing in a vile and filthy manner, according to evidence at Kowloon yesterday.

He entered the YMCA about 5.40 p.m. and collapsed on the floor. Sub-Inspector T. Dow went to take him into custody, but Hoodeley not only refused to go but was very abusive to the police inspector

After he had been apprised of the facts by Inspector J. Crew when Hoodeley was charged before him with being drunk and disorderly, Mr. W. H. Latimer imposed a fine of $25.

The body of an unidentified girl, aged about 12, was found in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter breakwater about 3.40 p.m. yesterday and sent to the Public Mortuary. No foul play is suspected by the police

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Personalia

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wood, Mrs. V. M. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. R.J. Rickards, Mrs. J. Conway, Mrs. M.C. Walsh, Messrs. Shen Yen-yao, Peng Nao-yao, A Gidley-Baird, F. Gandossi, S. Baldwin, S.C. Kon, L.T. Williams, H.T. Samson, T. Addis-Martin, E.W. Hazzard, D. Judah, L.A. Lewis, G.A. Niebour, M.S. Levy, and Dr. Chung Han-pun.

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Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. A. de Boodt, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. de Castro, Mrs. D.F.T. Sould, Mr. and Mrs. U. Khin, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Arriola, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bradbury, Messrs. C.M. Wharton, Howard Cobb, F.W. Ducrommun, P.Y. Cang, B.A. Jaffe, J.T. Chu, B. Ljungquist, R.L. Cornell and Miss E. Sturdee.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. McGavin and child, the Reverend Mr. E.B. Copland, Sister Fonjilis, Sister Matherines, Sister Rochefort, Messrs. E.H. Hugman, H.H. Dye, M. McLaughlin and W.G. Lamb, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Shengking.

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Departures for Singapore and Bangkok yesterday by CPA included Miss E. Sturdee, Messrs. M.S. Cummings, I.H. Grabowsky, F. Crossley, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Arriola.

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Mr. Wong Wai-tor left for Rangoon yesterday by CPA.

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Among the passengers who left by CPA yesterday for Manila were Messrs. Santiago Rebecca, Lao Heh, Ai Lian, Cua Sian and Wong Hoi.

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Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Zydelis, Mrs. M. Berg, Misses V. and T. Gaskof, Messrs. C.W. Morrison, H.F. Marsh, R.H. Conway, P.A.T. Smith and Pan Yu-shun left for Sydney by CPA on Saturday.

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Mr. H. Silas will be responsible for the musical programme at the Kowloon Rotary Club's Ladies Day on Thursday at the Peninsula Hotel.

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Dr. Wei Tao-ming, until recently Governor of Taiwan, will shortly take up the Foreign Minister's portfolio in Dr. Sun Fo's cabinet, said the evening vernacular Sing Tao Man Po yesterday.

The newspaper quoted sources close to Madame Wei who arrived in the Colony on Sunday from Taiwan.

Dr. Wei was once Ambassador to the United States.

USL Official Entertained

A luncheon was given at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday by Mr. H. Ayres, Manager of United States Lines, in honour of the visit to Hong Kong of Admiral G. C. Stedman, vice-president of the company.—("China Mail" Photo).

Wah Yan Alumni Luncheon

Past students of Wah Yan College met at a lunch at the Catholic Club, King's Building on Saturday.

The Guest of Honour was Mr. Lim Hoy-lan, co-founder of Wah Yan College with Mr. Peter Tsui and its first headmaster.

Mr. Lim introduced his address with a reference to the Golden Apples of the Gods, paralleled in Chinese mythology by the Sacred Peach.

These fruits, it was said, contained the secret of immortality and perpetual youth. Famed in story, the secret was the object of centuries of search.

Wah Yan Past Students' Association was in itself the secret of everlasting youth, said Mr. Lim, as in each of its gatherings its members renewed their youth once more.

At its functions old friends met again and returned pleasantly in reminiscence to younger days.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lim Hoy-lan was proposed by Father T. F. Doody. Before the adjournment the Vice-President, Mr. Paul Lim, reminded the members of the date of the Association's annual dinner dance at the Hong Kong Hotel on February 1. The February Wah Yan luncheon will be held on February 12 at the same place and time.

SLEEMAN TO GIVE LECTURE

This year's first meeting of the Sino-British Club will be addressed by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of St. John's Ambulance Brigade Overseas.

The lecture will describe the work of the ancient Order, on which Sir James is an expert.

The meeting will be held in the lecture room of the Public Relations Office in Statue Square on Friday at 5.45 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome.

On the following Friday, Dr. F.I. Tseung will give an address on "Contributions of Chinese Medicine."

Administration Of Estate In Dispute

Dispute regarding the administration of the estate of a returned Canadian Chinese led to the parties applying to the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, for adjudication under Probate Jurisdiction.

The plaintiff, Woo Yen Nui-oi, widow of the returned Canadian Chinese, Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong Kee, alias Woo Tsun-nin, claimed that she was entitled to the administration of the estate, and should be granted letter of administration.

The defendants, William G. Woo, and Daisy Woo claimed that they, together with Wesley S. Woo who is in Canada, were the executors and sole beneficiaries under a pretended will of Woo Chong, dated September 15, 1932.

Plaintiff claimed a declaration of the Court that the pretended will was revoked by her marriage to Woo Chong on February 20, 1936.

Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. H.K. Woo for the plaintiff, informed the Court that Woo Yen Nui-oi was the second wife of Woo Chong whom she married in 1936 in his native village of Yan Ping according to recognised marriage rites. She was now the mother of his two sons, aged 13 and 12.

Returns From Canada

Woo Chong returned from Canada in 1933 with the intention of settling down in China. He was a widower and after his marriage to plaintiff came to Hong Kong because he was not satisfied with conditions in the country.

Woo was blind when he married, and it was his intention to spend his remaining years in Hong Kong or China.

Mr. Bernacchi went on to say that the children of Woo's first wife had all along acted in a displeasable manner. By their defence, in addition to contesting the issue of domicile, they also contested the validity of the plaintiff's marriage.

Evidence would be given by witnesses from Canada as to Woo's intention of making Hong Kong, or alternatively China, his place of domicile. On the point of the validity of his marriage, expert legal evidence would be placed before the Court, said Mr. Bernacchi.

The rest of the proceedings of the day were occupied by the evidence of complainant who bore out the opening statement of her counsel.

Further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

Defendants were represented by Mr. John McNeil, instructed by Mr. F.G. Nigel.

Travelling Vans Feed Harcourt Clinic's Sick

Between 150 and 200 tubercular patients of the Harcourt Clinic are fed by the Medical Department's six travelling vans every day in Hong Kong, said Miss M. Watson, MBE, Chief Almoner, when approached by the "China Mail" yesterday.

The scheme, which is still in its experimental stage, was started on November 8 last, since when it has proved a boon to those persons suffering from TB, as the food served by the vans constitutes a balanced diet.

One of the vans seen by the "China Mail" parked at Cochrane Street by the side of the Central Police Station at 3 p.m. yesterday was fitted with three urns containing cooked cabbage, liver and sweet potatoes, respectively.

The holder of a card, issued by the Medical Department on the recommendation of the Harcourt Clinic, is given a ladle of food from each urn together with an egg by the two young women and the man manning the van.

The food, Miss Watson said, is cooked daily at the Social Welfare Centre at Happy Valley and collected by the six Medical Department vans which are driven to their allocated districts daily.

Government Bears Expense

All expenses in connection with this scheme are borne by the Government (Medical Department), and this feeding is independent of the work undertaken by private social welfare organisations.

The scheme will, said Miss Watson, be extended to Kowloon in the very near future.

One of the men who went to the van at Cochrane yesterday was heard to refuse a helping of liver. "I am a Christian and do not want to waste food. I do not eat liver and my co-tenants do not like it either. So, if I take it I will only be wasting it, and to waste is a sin."

The Assizes, commencing at the Supreme Court next Tuesday, will be preceded by a service at St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 a.m.

The service will be attended by the Chief Justice, the Judges and the Law Officers.

Following the service, the Chief Justice will inspect a Guard of Honour outside the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. before opening the Assizes.

Vice-Admiral Brind At Singapore

Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind has arrived at Singapore and will hoist his flag as Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, today.

Admiral Brind has wide experience of the Far East. When serving as a Captain he commissioned the cruiser Birmingham in 1938 and took her to the China Station when Japan was at war with China.

At the time of the Munich crisis in 1938, HMS Birmingham was ordered to transport the Seaforth Highlanders garrison from Shanghai to Hong Kong. The journey was made in record time.

The following year, Admiral Brind went to Tsingtao to investigate the wrongful arrest of a British merchant ship by the Japanese. He took the cruiser among a fleet of Japanese heavy cruisers and aircraft carriers and went on board the Japanese flagship to say he intended to take the merchant ship away.

The Japanese threatened to blow his ship and the merchant ship out of the water but the Birmingham sailed the next day and the story of her enterprise spread along the China coast. A British shipping boom resulted.

Admiral Brind became Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff when promoted Rear-Admiral in 1942 and continued to serve in the Admiralty until after the Allied landings in Normandy, which he helped to plan. He received the CB for this work.

Returning to sea as Rear-Admiral commanding the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, British Pacific Fleet, the Admiral renewed his associations with the Far East during the final phase of the campaign against Japan. His flagship, HMS Swiftsure, bombarded Truk Island, and Islands of Sakishima Gunto, South of Okinawa. Later the Admiral was present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered.

Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, who has been Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet and subsequently the Far East Station since June, 1946, will be leaving Singapore on Thursday, in HMT Dilwara.

Funeral Of Miss Vera Handyside

The funeral of Miss Vera Handyside of the Education Department, who was injured in a motor accident on December 12 at the New Territories, took place at the Colonial Cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday.

Aged 26, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Handyside, formerly of the Education Department.

The Rev A.P. Rose officiated and among those present were:—Mr. T.W Rowell, Mr. M.G. O'Connor, Mr. L.G. Morgan, Mr. D.J. Crozier, Mrs. E.J. Thompson, Mr. C. Ace Mr. J.M. Wilson, Miss M. Myers. Mr. A.G. Walton, Miss I.N. Watkins, Mrs. M. Allinson, Mr. W.J. Dyer, Miss B. Bicheno, Mr. T.E. Yeoh, Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Williamson, Mrs. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Potter.

Wreaths were sent by the Worshipful Master and Members of the University Lodge of Hong Kong, Mr. and Mrs. B.T.S. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. M.G. O'Connor, Mr. Lo Wai-kwan, Education Department Vernacular Inspectorate, Director of Education and Colleagues, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A.W. Shui, Mr. A.H. Madar and Sheila.

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Mrs. Morris Laid To Rest

The funeral of Mrs. Lily Morris, M.B.E., widow of the late Mr. Alfred Morris took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. A.P. Rose officiated and later the body was cremated.

Those present were, Mr. D. J. Crozier, Miss K. Fox, Miss D. Lopes, Mr. A. G. Langston, Miss R. Longston, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Duckworth, Mr. D. Ribeiro, Mr. M.Y. Adal, Mr. A.R. Minau, Mr. A.M. Langston, Mr. R. A. de Rome, Mr. T.R. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Dunlop, Mrs. Irene Ho Cheng, Kwak Hing-wang, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Margarett, Mr. J.F. Lumny, Mr. M.G. O'Connor, Mr. L.G. Morgan, Mr. F.H. Fell, Mrs. J.O. Stokoe, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Blake.

Wreaths were sent by President and Members of the King's College Old Boys Association, Former Staff to King's College, Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Duckworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. Frost.

UNMANIFESTED CARGO SEIZED

One hundred and fifty bales of unmanifested cargo were seized by Revenue Inspectors during a routine search on board the ss. Falcon yesterday.

The search was made just before the vessel sailed for Yokohama.

The goods, valued about HK$100,000, were found hidden in the engine room.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Owners, agents and masters of vessels were notified yesterday that until further notice, all vessels arriving in the waters of the Colony from Canton, Shekki, Kongmoon, Tungkoon, Wuchow and Taiping, must anchor in one of the approved Quarantine Anchorages. They must also display the International Code flag "Q" and await the arrival of the Port Health Authorities.

Rice Bowls Fly In Factory Brawl

The Pacific Enamel Factory was not so pacific on Sunday afternoon when two factory workmen, both named Wong, did not like the way their rice was cooked by the cooks, both also named Wong, and started to send rice bowls flying all over the place.

The battle of the four Wongs was at its last stage, with three casualties, and one of the Wongs brandishing a meat chopper trying to get at the two Wongs of the opposite side, when the police arrived on the scene and took all four combatants into custody.

It all started, said Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, when Wong Lang-yuen, aged 20, and Wong Ho, aged 21, both workmen of the factory, went into the kitchen to compain about the rice. The two cooks, Wong Tsat, aged 27, and Wong Ching, aged 25, resented the remarks of the workmen and a quarrel began. The two workmen picked up rice bowls and threw them at the cooks, who picked up more rice bowls and threw them back at the workmen.

A workman named Shum, who was taking his rice very quietly at a nearby table, was hit on the head by a flying rice bowl. Of the four Wongs, two sustained injuries from rice bowls.

Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, the four Wongs were fined $100 each and bound over in $500 for six months.

PAA's Ladies' Beauty Kits

Beauty kits, for freshening up under tropical conditions, have been put on Pan-American Clippers flying the Pacific for the convenience of women passengers, the company announced yesterday.

Each kit is separately contained in a sealed cellophane packet and contains hand lotion, cleansing cream, foundation cream, rouge, lipstick and powder.

Each item has been compounded for the special conditions of air travel to the Orient and Asia. They are planned for any type of complexion.

Beauty specialists who planned the kits said the main idea is to prevent the skin from drying. No glycerine or alcohol-based compounds are used for this reason.

WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of the following.

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Mr. Cipriano Humberto Rodriguez Garcia, time-keeper, of 7 Beltran Road, Kowloon, and Miss Emilia Jaubert Araya.

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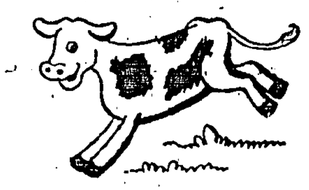

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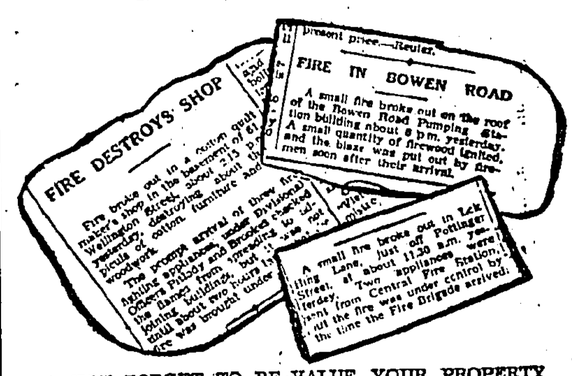

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NOTICE

SALE OF MARINE ENGINES ETC.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of various Marine Engines and Gear Boxes lying at No. 5 Store, H.M. Dockyard, Kowloon.

Tender Forms and permission to view will be issued from Section I.B, Naval Store Department, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, from Monday to Wednesday, January 10-12, 1949.

Completed tender should be returned by hand, signed and in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for the purchase of engines etc." to this office on or before noon, on Thursday, January 13, 1949.

A. J. DAY,
Naval Store Officer.

NOTICE

CABLE & WIRELESS, LTD., and THE HONG-KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

Jointly announce the extension of hours of the RADIOPHONE SERVICE between HONG KONG and MANILA which from Monday, January 10th, will be 9 a.m.-Noon and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

NOTICE

The King George V School Parents Association's General Annual Meeting has been postponed from January 24 to Monday, February 7, 1949, owing to school re-opening on the former date.

Tea will be served at 5 p.m. followed by the Meeting at 5.30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

Parents of new pupils, as well as old members will be very welcome.

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NOTICE

MARINE DEPARTMENT

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the scrap steel belonging to the Hong Kong Government, said to be approximately 2,000 tons, where and as it lies in, or immediately adjacent to, Yau Tong Bay.

Tenders which should be sealed and in triplicate should be submitted to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat before noon on Thursday, January 20, 1949.

The successful tenderer will be required to remove the scrap within a period of 8 (eight) months from the date of acceptance and to deposit with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of $10,000 which sum shall be forfeited if the scrap should not be entirely removed within the stated period.

The purchase money is to be paid in full within 48 hours of being notified of the acceptance of the tender.

The Hong Kong Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, January 7, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE NO. 1/1949

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

The Owners, Agents and Masters of vessels are hereby notified that until further notice, all vessels arriving in the waters of the Colony from Canton, Shekki, Kongmoon, Tungkoon, Wuchow and Taiping, must anchor in one of the approved Quarantine Anchorages, display the International Code flag "Q" and await the arrival of the Port Health Authorities.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 7, 1949.

NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Matriculation Examination May/June 1949

Candidates are reminded that all entries for the above examination must be in the Registrar's hands by Wednesday, February 2, 1949.

B. MELLOR,
Registrar.

January 10, 1949.

NOTICE

MOBILE COLUMN H.K.V.D.C.

It is proposed to hold a Re-union Dinner at the China Fleet Club on January 27, 1949.

Will all past and present members wishing to attend, please communicate with the undersigned, c/o Sergeants Mess H.K.V.D.C.

A. I. CASH.

NOTICE

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Monthly Meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place in the Catholic Centre at 5.45 p.m. on Thursday next, January 13.

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A Disappointment

Sir,—The notification recently issued by the Hotel Residents Association, to the effect that a meeting would be convened to consider the report compiled by the Committee appointed to study the new rates imposed by the Quartering Authority will be welcomed by all who are forced to reside in these establishments and it is hoped that when the date of the meeting is announced, an invitation will be extend to ALL residents, whether members of the Association or not, to lend their support.

The report at long last published has come as a distinct disappointment, not only to the residents, but also to the majority of hotel owners for it is so ambiguous and has been prepared with such an obvious bias in favour of the two leading hotel companies that it will satisfy none of the other parties concerned.

We had been led to expect that the publication of this report would clarify the issue of whether or not the hotels are exploiting the present housing shortage and thereby making an excessive profit but we now find that all the data essential to such clarification has been suppressed on the grounds that it constitutes "business secrets".

The suppression of pertinent facts upon these grounds is totally unjustifiable for, a point which is often over-looked, we may be sure that Government was reasonably certain that the profit being made exceeded a reasonable margin otherwise the Competent Authority would never have been appointed. We are all agreed that any business concern must be allowed to make a fair profit and the issue at stake has been reduced to the point at which reasonable profit ceases and profiteering begins. It should have been possible to disclose the margin of profit being made by the various hotels without revealing any of their so-called "business secrets." The failure of the Committee to do this, reduces the report to nothing but the opinion of four or five individuals the majority of whom are themselves high officers of various firms and who, therefore, can quite understandably be expected to see nothing unusual or unreasonable in high profits.

The men who will have the least reason of all to be satisfied with the Committee's report are the Competent Authority, Mr. P. J. Eardley, and his staff who, after months of painstaking investigation, sufficiently detailed to allow them to impose rates on a room-by-room basis, have seen their findings swept aside by a Committee which completed its investigations in fourteen short meetings. As we have said, the fact that Government considered it expedient to appoint a Competent Authority to investigate this matter, is clearly indicative of the fact that Government considered that the rates as of July 31st, 1948, were excessive yet, within four days of the publication of the rates, Mr. Eardley and his staff were, at the first howl, thrown to the wolves by those from whom they expected, and had every right to expect, support, and by the publication of the unsubstantiated opinion of the Committee convened to assuage the outraged feelings of "big business", have been exposed to public ignominy as being totally incompetent.

That these officials are NOT so, we have good reason to know and, despite the Committee's statement that "it was considered advisable to await the return of Mr Paterson before completing our deliberations", we are aware that Mr. Eardley has, since the termination of hostilities, been more closely connected with the housing situation in general and the hotel question in particular, than any other Government official, including Mr. Paterson. In any case, we understood that this matter would be decided upon facts and figures, not upon sympathy or sentiment, and the figures were available regardless of the presence of any particular individual.

We have recently been treated to a Government sponsored radio broadcast, plus a detailed statement by the Hon. D.P.W., designed to gloss over the Leighton Hill scandal and if Government can go to such lengths in the defence of one employee, it is morally bound to permit Mr. Eardley and his staff the same facilities in their defence. We have no doubt that these officers would welcome the opportunity of enlightening the public as to the method used in computing the rates which it was proposed to impose in respect of the various rooms and types of establishment and as to the margin of profit allowed when fixing those rates, and we are sure that this can be done without laying Government open to any charge of disclosing information obtained in confidence.

The matter of hotel rates, whilst of primary importance to hotel residents, is but a small part of the deplorable picture of exorbitant living costs obtaining in the Colony today and the responsibility for this state of affairs must rest with Government which, if it had the interests of the community as a whole sincerely at heart, could, by the appointment of an efficient Price Control expert, essentially without local strings and preferably with experience of similar work at Home, or by the appointment of a Price Control Board representative of all classes and not only of those who have most to gain from high prices, reduce the cost of living considerably. It will probably be argued that to do this, reductions in salaries would eventually become necessary but who, remembering pre-war wages and conditions, would not gladly accept such reduction if costs were correspondingly reduced? A good idea of what may be accomplished by enthusiastic co-operation can be learned from the study of labour management boards functioning successfully in practically every large business throughout the world and it is time that Hong Kong modernised its ideas and realised that only by honest co-operation between all sections of the community can conditions be improved and the price spiral reversed.

Much praise has recently been bestowed upon the Home Government for the manner in which it has contributed to the welfare of the nation by holding prices particularly those of food, at a reasonable level but we can be sure that this result was not achieved without considerable heart burning on the part of those who would subordinate the right of all to a decent standard of living to their own personal gain, neither was it rebuked by the surrender of Government to, to use a hackneyed phrase, the vested interests. We have no doubt that the same pleas of impending poverty as are advanced locally whenever price control is mooted, were put forward at Home and that such pleas were treated in the manner that they deserve serves to underline the difference between government by a freely elected body and government by an autocratic body such as our Official-ly dominated Legislative Council which has been reduced to the status of an instrument of the major business interests.

In his recent speech before representatives of welfare organisations, Father Ryan, S.J., endeavoured to bring home to the community its duties in regard to the Colony and it is to be hoped that his example will be followed by pastors of churches of all denominations for, with their unparalleled opportunities, they can do much to awaken the civic conscience which has slept for far too long.

An excellent suggestion was recently put forward by a reader who proposed that a committee should be formed to wait upon Sir William Strang for the purpose of placing before him the numerous causes for our dissatisfaction with the present administration and it is hoped that this suggestion will be acted upon and that the opportunity of interesting this well-known official in the affairs of Hong Kong as seen from the point of view of the man-in-the-street will not be neglected.

"W".

Ouch, My Bunions!

Sir,—Why, in Heaven's name, do persons choose to grope their way to seats in the Star (and others, too) when punctuality would make all the difference to my poor corns?

Can anyone tell me why, when a show is advertised to start at 5.15 p.m. or 7.20 p.m., the "Fat Boy of Peckham" decides to wedge himself between me and the seat in front at exactly 5.30 or 7.40? And can anyone supply an answer to the riddle of the lady, who drops her parcel right on my pet corn when passing me at exactly 5.45 or 7.45?

Why can't they come in as quick as they get out when the National Anthem is played? Or is this just another instance of the selfishness and heartlessness of Hong Kong?

The shows are advertised in the local press. The times of showing are displayed at the cinemas. Why then must I suffer for my punctuality?

BUNIONS.

SMALLER DEMAND FOR RICE

Washington, January 9.

The Department of Agriculture says there are strong indications that world demand for rice during the next few years will be less than in pre-war years.

Dr. J. Norman Jefferson, who recently completed a rice survey for the Department, reports in the weekly magazine "Foreign Crops and Markets": Although the world is still short of rice, expanded production in deficit producing countries such as Malaya, Java, India and China, and changes in consumption habits in others due to local rice shortages, indicate that the demand for rice is likely to be less during the next few years than during the pre-war period."—Associated Press.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., L.R.I.B.A., will deliver a series of two public lectures on "Local Government" on Friday and Wednesday, January 14 and 19, 1949, in the "Salao Luis de Camoes" of the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, at 6 p.m. on each day.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Mr. W. J. Carrie will take the Chair on the respective dates.

Dr. Dobson will also deliver two lectures at the University:

"Archaeology and Archaeological Method" on Monday, January 17, 1949, in the Fung Ping Shan Library, at 5 p.m.

"The Bronze Age in Asia and Europe" (illustrated by film strips) on Tuesday, January 18, 1949, in the Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, at 5 p.m.

Mr. G. B. Endacott will take the Chair at the two University Lectures.

Members of the public who wish to attend are welcome.

B. MELLOR,
Registrar.

January 5, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comprador Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
C. D. BROWN,
Secretary.

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BIG CARDS CAN SHRINK

IF YOUR SIDE holds a goodly amount of total strength, it is much more valuable when divided rather evenly between your hand and your partner's than when it is bunched in one hand or the other. Nothing is more disconcerting than to have a terrific bunch of strength with no chance to lead toward it from the opposite holding, and no chance to get over there and make use of what little assets it may afford. In such a situation, your big cards can shrink painfully as you have to lead away from them.

	S 7 5 4 2 H 8 5 3 D 6 3 C Q 9 8 3	
S A Q 9 8 H Q 9 6 D A 7 C J 6 4 2	N W E S	S 10 H J 10 7 4 D Q 8 5 2 C 10 7 5
	S K J 6 3 H A K D K J 10 9 4 C A K	

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable).

West	North	East	South
1. 1 S	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 C	Pass	2 NT
2. 1 S	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 C	Pass	3 NT
3. 1 S	Pass	Pass	3 NT

Of the three South players covered by those bidding sequences in a big tournament, only one took proper cognizance of the fact that his big hand might prove not so hot unless his partner could show some vestige of strength. The fellow who rebid at only 2-No Trumps after doubling and hearing his partner's club response, made his contract right on the hend, and so did one other declarer who, when West's 1-Spade reached him, bid 2-No Trumps at once, his partner passing.

Where the No. 1 declarer sat, West led his spade 8, the J winning. The club A and K were cashed, declarer hoping that some miracle might enable him to use the dummy's Q later, a vain ambition. After that he gave up his diamond K to the A, won the returned heart 6 with the A and gave up the diamond J to the Q. East sent the heart J to the K, whereupon South raked in three diamonds. Now down to three spades, he led the 6, which West got with the Q, the A coming next. South hoped West had preserved another spade, since he had not watched the discards on his diamonds, but West had the heart Q and took it, holding the declarer to exactly eight tricks. Play went about the same at the other tables.

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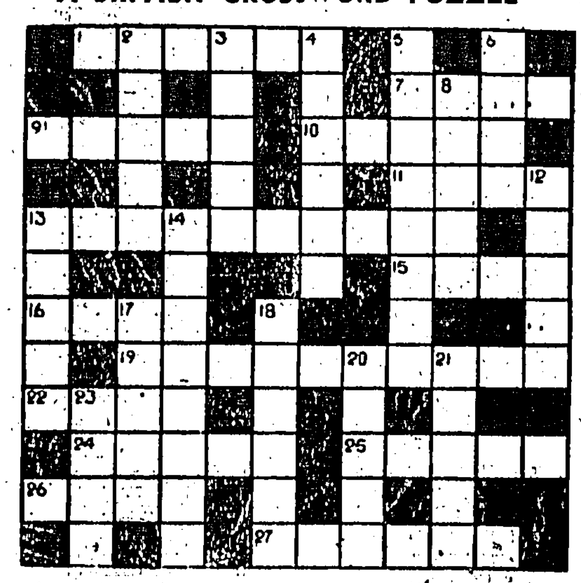
Tomorrow's Problem

	S Q 10 4 H A 8 4 D A K 7 C A K 6 5	
S 8 6 H K J 9 D 8 5 4 3 C Q 10 8 4	N W E S	S K J 7 H Q 7 6 D Q 10 9 2 C 9 7 2
	S A 9 5 3 2 H 10 5 3 2 D J 6 C J 3	

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable).

If you had a brand new partner, what opening bid would you favour on North's big hand?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Alarmed. 7 Object of worship. 9 Flea. 10 Tooth. 11 Extent. 13 Grow worse. 15 Notion. 16 Incursion. 19 Accidental 23 Agitate. 24 Attack. 25 Cook. 26 Anger. 27 Swift.

Down

2 Hurl. 3 Foreign. 4 Composed. 5 Expanding. 6 Kernel. 8 Ventured. 12 Separate. 13 Board Game. 14 Ratified. 17 Cake covering. 18 Standing. 20 Pluck. 21 Deer. 22 Reptile.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Impute, 4 Felon, 7 Tested, 8 Equip, 10 Emit, 12 Minimum, 15 Brood, 16 Rase, 17 Idle, 19 Deter, 20 Dreaded, 21 Dawn, 23 Odour, 24 Dawdle, 25 Revel, 26 Starts.

DOWN:—1 Intrepid, 2 Possible, 3 Teem, 5 Enquired, 6 Odious, 9 Aided, 11 Treasure, 12 Model, 13 Marauder, 14 Meanders, 18 Drudge, 22 Want.

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A ROUND OF WINDOW SHOPPING

The very latest in skipping ropes, puzzles, toys, and children's wearing apparel, guaranteed to please the most fastidious taste, are being offered by several Kowloon shops.

With their own buyers in the United States ever on the look-out for the very latest novelties, the National Toy Co. of 220 Nathan Road (opposite the New Taxi Co.) have recently received a stock of Baldwin's "Must-Clik" skipping ropes for girls up to 15 years old.

Instead of skipping to the monotonous "flip flip" of rope striking ground, girls will now be able to skip to the music of "Must-Clik". With every flip of the rope the handles give out a musical click which, needless to say, adds zest to the game and sustains the interest of the skipper.

The "Sta-N-Place" puzzles, manufactured by the Built-Rite concern, are in reality two puzzles in one. In each of the framed pictures is to be found some hidden objects. The pieces forming the picture may be taken out of the frame and, by themselves, form another puzzle to the child.

In this leading toy shop of Kowloon, which numbers among its customers many residents on the island, are also to be found all the old favourites of children of of all ages, from the baby in the cradle to the 90-year-old child, including a number of religious objects.

Fond parents, and relatives, who find their boy's interest in pistols definitely on the wane will be glad to hear of the introduction of a brand new type of short arms which cannot fail to revive the child's thirst to "shoot it out" with the other boy.

Packed in individual cartons, containing the pistol and three propellors "Propello-Pistol" shoots not water or caps or plain paper or stickers but propellors spinning them several feet into the air. They are sturdily made and will give innumerable hours of pleasure to the owner and his schoolmates.

This latest novelty is stocked by the Sunny Co. of 90 Nathan Road (near the new Telephone Building now under construction), a store which is fast pushing its way to the front line of greeting cards dealers.

To one of the largest collection of cards for all occasions, the Sunny Co. has recently added large stocks of albums, popular magazines, story books for children, "Victory" jig-saw puzzles, train sets, darts, dominoes, chess sets, roulette wheels, tricycles, toys and dolls, and children's motor cars.

Viyella suits and dresses for children of all ages in the very latest designs are being created by that popular baby's and children's wear specialists, Wendy's of 10 Granville Road, ground floor, with the exclusive object of making offsprings as smart looking as their parents.

Patronised at the beginning exclusively by foreigners, Wendy's now number among its clientele many modern Chinese mothers who have been introduced by satisfied customers.

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Against the background of Wendy surrounded by children, will be displayed the ever-popular sleeping suits with feet made of blue, pink, or white British-manufactured flannelette with pretty pictorial designs, priced at $16.50 each.

A Year's Figures Analysed

A total of 58 persons were killed, and 204 seriously injured, in the 2,388 traffic accidents which occurred in Kowloon and the New Territories during the past year.

The highest number of accidents was registered in October when 247 cases were reported to the police. Deaths were given as seven, the same number as in May when 192 accidents occurred.

Although only 187 cases were reported in March, the number of fatalities was the record for the year. During that month, 10 persons were killed, with 16 seriously injured and 74 slightly injured.

Despite the fact that the total of 684 was the highest quarterly figure for the year, the total deaths during October-December were only 13 as compared to 18 during the first quarter when only 531 accidents were listed.

There was an increase of 258 accidents during the last six months over the first half of 1948. From January to June, a total of 1,065 (with 33 fatal, 70 serious, and 445 slight injuries) were reported, as compared to a total of 1,323 (35 fatal, 125 serious and 525 slightly injured) from July to December.

Speed Craze

The majority of these accidents were attributed to sheer careless driving and the craze to "get nowhere in a particular hurry," said a traffic officer. To a certain extent, pedestrians (particularly jay walkers) were also to be blamed for the large number of accidents, he added.

As could be seen by the official figures, there has been no increase whatsoever in the number of cases since the new drivers took over the taxis. The record of 684 accidents during the last quarter was only 45 higher than that for the July-September period, he said.

Charged With Keeping A Brothel

That she had been let down by the other girl was the plea tendered by Choi Ying-fun, 28-year-old married woman, when charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with keeping a brothel at 9 Pilkem Street, second floor.

Accused told the court that when the other girl rented the room from her, she gave out that she was a married woman. After she had stayed there for some time, the girl started to have a different man every night.

Inspector H. J. Baldwin informed the court that when he raided the premises at 1.30 a.m. on January 10, he found two beds, each occupied by a couple, in the same room.

Inspector J. Orem, prosecuting, said that it was another case of the "two girls" brothel," where each girl worked independently of the other.

Defendant was given the option of a fine of $250 or six weeks' imprisonment.

BIG NEW CINEMA THEATRE

Kowloon, which now boasts of only two comparatively modern cinema houses, will, before this month is out, have a really up-to-date air-conditioned theatre that will show first-run pictures only.

Built at an approximate cost of $1,000,000, the Liberty Theatre at the junction of Jordan and Temple Street, will be opened for business in time for the Chinese New Year (January 29).

Equipped with the latest projecting machines and sound devices, and designed to give the audience plenty of knee space, the Liberty has a seating capacity of 1,250.

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During the entire period of the recent Chinese Products Exhibition large crowds were seen queueing up at the Star Ferry wharves on both sides of the harbour. No steps whatsoever were taken by the management to run additional launches, with the result that complaints by passengers were revived.

Another complaint heard recently concerned the long wait which ferries crossing from Hong Kong frequently have to make before drawing alongside Kowloon wharf. The Company could surely make use of the spare wharf at Kowloon to ensure adherence to the time-table.

Assault Allegation

The allegation that her ex-tenant Mrs. Kau threw a basin of cold water over her and then with the assistance of another woman, pushed her into the bath-tub, turned the tap on, and half submerged her, was made by Mrs. A. Collace to Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mrs. Collace was complainant in the summous against Mrs. Kau for assault on September 7, 1948. She was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Alfmada Remedios. Defendant was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan.

Defendant denied that she pushed compainant into the tub, and claimed that she was doing some laundering when complainant entered the bathroom and pulled her hair.

The fine of $100 was imposed on defendant. She was also bound over in $500 for one year.

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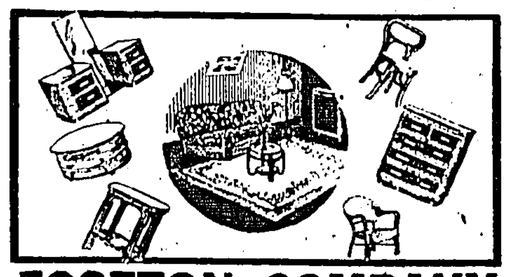

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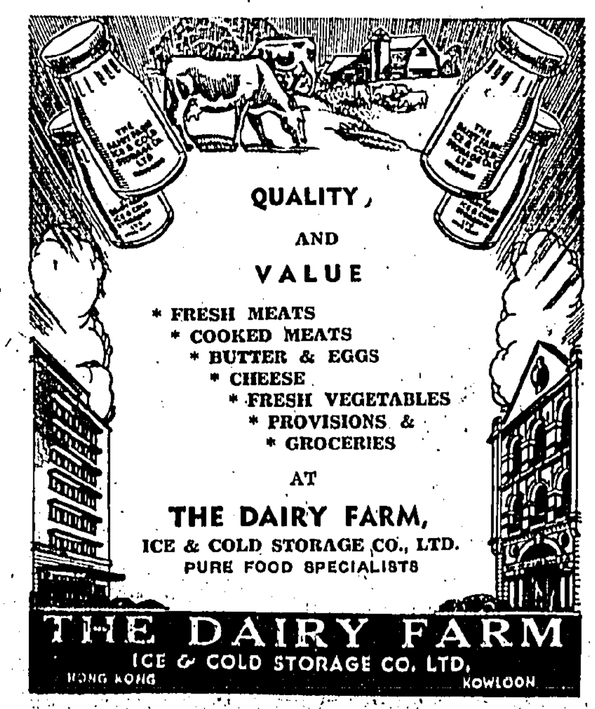

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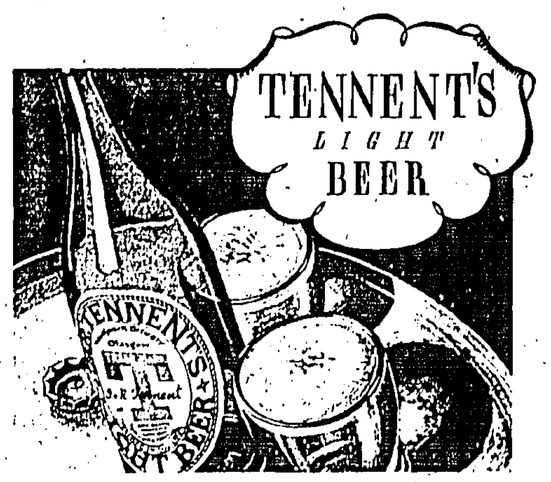

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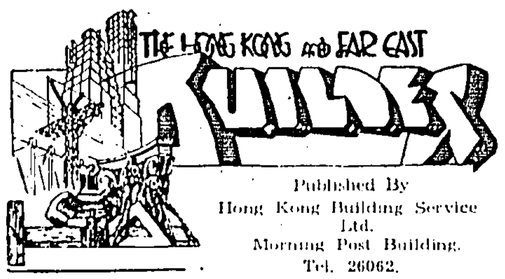

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Big Test Of Labour Party's Hold On Britain Pending

London, January 9.

Britain's Labour government started preparing plans today for the nation wide municipal elections to begin in April, which will provide a straw vote for the general elections next year.

The battle for control of town and county councils promises to be particularly fierce.

Realising that success or failure will largely influence the public vote when the Socialists ask for a new Parliamentary mandate next spring, Mr. Attlee and members of his Cabinet, along with hundreds of Labour M.P.'s are planning to address mass meetings throughout the country.

Tens of thousands of candidates are presenting themselves for election in the counties and municipalities of England, Scotland and Wales.

The Labour Party is making a tremendous fight to capture the town councils, because they are aware the Tories are organising for battle as never before.

Swing Of Opinion

Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative Party, revealed the importance the Tories attach to the municipal vote. In an article "Tory Challenge," he said, "Since 1945 there has been a considerable swing of opinion in our favour in local elections and the percentage of electors who registered their votes increased materially. Of that increase we can claim two votes out of three."

Lord Woolton, who was wartime Food Minister in the Churchill Cabinet, said the Labour Party always considered control of local councils an essential objective in their national campaign.

"They have always thrown the full weight of their Party organisation into the battle," he said. "The coming fight will see this intensified. There is every indication that the Socialists are approaching next spring in dead earnest."

By-Election Successes

He pointed out that while Labour had uninterrupted successes at Parliamentary by-elections, they had been losing ground in the municipal polls.

"In November 1946 and April 1947 there were signs that the Socialist avalanche had been stemmed and this was confirmed by our great victory in the municipal elections in November," he wrote.

"This result was the first clear indication the Socialists were losing ground and gives us the opportunity to give them the knock down blow before the general elections."

Elections for the counties begin in April, to be followed by those for the Boroughs of London in May. In the same month there will be voting for all the other authorities—boroughs, urban districts and parishes in England and Wales and for the Scottish counties, county boroughs and districts.—United Press.

Shanghai Tragedies

Shanghai, January 10.

About 150 more corpses were picked up in the streets during the past two days as the cold wave continued unabated, according to reports.

The total number of street deaths has thus been pushed up to over 1,000 during the first nine days of this year.—Reuter.

Easing Of Regulations For Japs

Tokyo, January 10.

Japanese and persons of Japanese descent living abroad as well as relatives of foreign nationals at present residing in Nippon are to be permitted 60 day visits to this country in the near future, authoritative sources said today.

Entry permits will be restricted to those who can show bona fide relatives living in Japan.

Another proposal by the Japanese government has been held up—at least temporarily—by objections of a headquarters section, sources said.

Both proposals are raised primarily on desire of occupation authorities and the Japanese government to obtain more dollars for use in purchasing raw materials in the industrial recovery programme.

No estimate is available of the number of relatives of Japanese and foreign nationals residing in Japan who are expected to take advantage of the new system to be inaugurated shortly. However, it is known that inquiries have been received from several thousand Japanese living abroad who want to return to the land of their ancestors as soon as possible.

It is understood those permitted entry will be required to purchase their food supplies from the Japanese Board of Trades stores or bring them with them. The restriction is necessary because of the limited food supply within Japan.—Associated Press.

Hail Damages African Crops

Johannesburg, January 9.

A severe hailstorm caused much damage and killed or injured cattle, sheep and poultry last night at Harrismith, in South Eastern Orange Free State.

Rain fell on widespread areas of drought-stricken country in South Africa this week, but more is needed. Fruit and vegetable prices are souring because of the worsening drought conditions in some parts, particularly the Orange Free State and the Eastern Cape.

Nineteen Free State districts and 33 in the Cape were declared drought-stricken at the end of December.—Reuer.

EDITOR'S DEATH

Bombay, January 9.

Syed Abdulla Brelvi, 57-year-old editor of the Nationalist "Bombay Chronicle" and ex-President of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, died here tonight after a heart attack.—Reuter.

Israeli-Egypt Armistice Talks

Haifa, January 9.

Officials of the United Nations here announced today that talks between Israeli and Egyptian representatives on an armistice to succeed the present truce in Southern Palestine will open on Wednesday on the Mediterranean island of Rhodes.

The acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Buncho, has asked both Jews and Egyptians to send delegations to the island which was once the headquarters of Count Folke Bernadotte.—Reuter.

Slave Traffic In Japan

Tokyo, January 9.

In an effort to strike at the heart of the slave traffic problem, the Japanese Government yesterday announced that any contract to sell children into bondage is null and void.

A spokesman for the Attorney-General's Office said that such contracts will be prosecuted as violators of labour standard law, juvenile welfare law and other legislation.

Meanwhile, 16 brokers in the slave traffic have been arrested and indicted, and the authorities are launching a drive on a nationwide front against the sale and purchase of minors.—Reuter.

BERTRAND RUSSELL ON FUTURE OF SCIENCE

London, January 9.

The well-known British philosopher, Bertrand Russell said in a British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast tonight that a powerful anti-scientific movement might well arise as a result of the dangers to human life presented by the atom bomb and possible bacteriological warfare.

He added: "But whatever people may feel about these horrors they dare not turn against the men of science so long as war is at all probable, because if one side were equipped with scientists and the other not, the scientific side would almost certainly win."

He said politicians are in some ways even more powerful than scientists—far more influential than at any former period in human history.

"Their relation to the men of science is like that of a magician in the Arabian Nights to a genii who obeys his orders," Russell continued. "The Genii does astounding things which the magician without his help, could not do. But he does them only because he is told to do them and not because of any impulses in himself.

"So it is with the atomic scientists in our day. Some government captures them in their homes or on the high seas, and they are set to work, according to the luck of their capture, to slave for the one side or for the other. The politician, when he is successful, is subject to no such coercion."—Reuter.

Britain's Second 5-Year Plan

London, January 9.

Nationalisation of the chemical industry, some branches of insurance and the distribution of agricultural produce may form part of the Labour Party's draft programme for the 1950 general election, which is expected to be known shortly.

A section of the Labour Party has been seeking the inclusion of these measures in the "second five-year plan" and they are among ideas which have been put forward to a special committee on nationalisation.

Public ownership of the shipbuilding industry is among other ideas which have been advanced. Whether these will find their way into the final policy statement is problematical.

The provisional policy statement will be considered by the National Executive Committee of the Party next month and by the Party's annual conference in May. If approved by the conference, possibly with modifications, it will form the foundation of the second five-year plan and of the 1950 election campaign.—Reuer.

ITALIAN RIOTS

Rome, January 9.

Ten people were injured during a clash today after a protested meeting in Modena, over the recent closing of two industrial plants.

Police used tear gas bombs to disperse the crowds.—Reuter.

SHARP BLOW TO PEACE PROSPECTS

Kyrenia, Cyprus, January 10.

Events of the past 48 hours have dealt a sharp blow to prospects of an early peace in Palestine.

In one stroke the little Arab kingdom of Transjordan altered her role in the Palestine war by invoking her treaty with Britain which calls for military help in case she is threatened with attack.

Until that happened, Transjordan was considered a strong factor for peace in the Holy Land. Now her decision and the shooting down of British planes have changed that. At the recent military conference at Amman, she and her Arab ally, Iraq, actually, notified Egypt they could not help her in the Negev fighting. Reports to the contrary are in error.

Thus, when Egypt agreed to a cease fire and armistice talks, it seemed peace at last was near.

Talks Seem Doomed

These talks now seem doomed unless the Jews agree to withdraw completely from the Negev.

The plain fact is that Britain feels she cannot permit a nation she considers antagonistic to hold this sandy protective barrier to the Suez canal and Transjordan's port of Akaba.

London's announcement that British Tommies have been sent to Akaba shows the Empire's concern for the safety of that little Red Sea town which figures so largely in her defence plans.

Akaba straddles vital British land routes in the Middle East. It is the terminal of the old pilgrims road once used by pious Moslems to cross the Sinai desert to reach Mecca. This now is a militarily important road for Britain.

It is also the beginning of a road to Damascus, which bypasses Palestine. In wartime, if the Suez Canal should fall into enemy hands, it would become a life line for the overland transport of oil needed by the United States and Britain.

Rich Mineral Deposits

The Negev desert sands contain rich mineral deposits—including oil. Copper, Chrome, Magnesium and Sulphur also underlie those sands.

American drilling crews, working for British interests, were sinking test wells South of Gaza before hostilities started last May.

The British pulled out, but the Jews have not forgotten that oil is there. They hope to exploit this treasure with American backing after the war. That explains their intense interest in this barren, unfriendly looking desert.

Whoever controls the Negev also holds the Red Sea in his hand. And there lies more potential wealth. The Red Sea is a proved reservoir of rich potash, bromide, magnesium and phosphate deposits. Experts estimate the Red Sea region could supply the world with potash for centuries.

This makes more understandable why little Akaba and the sandy Negev are so much in the day's news.

Eager For Peace

Transjordan's King Abdullah is understandably eager for peace, because he hopes soon to expand his kingdom and embrace Arab sections of Palestine. He needs peace to make his expansionist plans work out.

Yet he cannot afford peace at the price of losing Akaba, his only port. Without it, he would rule a land-locked country.

That is why he agreed to invoke the British treaty. And invoking the treaty makes his country a belligerent, in the eyes of the Jews.

Obviously the next step is up to Israel. She can defy Britain's might by pushing into Transjordan and committing Britain in the Palestine fighting.—Or she can withdraw her forces and shelve her ambitions in the Negev.—Associated Press.

Narrow View On Narrow Eyes

London, January 9.

The Ministry of Health, says Dr. Edward Ederei, is taking a rather narrow view of people who wear spectacles.

Dr. Ederei says in the British Medical Journal that the Ministry is refusing free spectacles under the health plan to all persons the pupils of whose eyes are more than 2.8 inches apart. The doctor terms this gross unfairness.

"Wider set eyes are not accepted by the Ministry as probably not conforming with the specifications of the human race as laid down by one of the committees," he said.—Associated Press.

THE OLD BREW OF WASSAIL BACK AGAIN

London, January 9.

Colonel Robert Gayre is pleased to announce that you too can have the same hangover that made Robin Hood hate the rustling of trees when he awoke in Sherwood Forest.

If you want to indulge in a night of wassail like Henry VII or Chaucer, or William the Conqueror or the Black Prince, or a hip brew that keyed up the Duke of Wellington for his bout with Napoleon—this also can be arranged.

In an old mill in a remote section of Cornwall near Penzance, Colonel Gayre is at work with secret recipes, bottling potent draughts that made Britain a nation of empire builders. Some of these drinks had not been made in quantity for over 500 years.

These include the Druidic version of mead, a honey fermentation which presumably gave ancient Britons strength enough to set up huge stone temples like Stonehenge before the dawn of history.

And hippocras and tyment, a burgundy type of beverage with a mediaeval wallop in every swallow, as well as the potent spiced metheglin, the beloved of Welsh bards and other Welshmen.

From Monasteries

Colonel Gayre's recipes for these and the rest of a complete range of drinks of olden time have been obtained from monasteries where they were incorporated into records centuries ago when monks took up the making of beverages from honey. The honey was a surplus product after the beeswax was used in making candles.

When about 1529 the Reformation swept the tall candles from altars and closed most of the monasteries, the demand for wax almost ceased and honey became so rare and expensive that French wines made from grapes began to take over the British palate.

Colonel Gayre, an expert antiquarian, went in search of the recipes and then improved them in the light of modern research. His biggest problem was to find a mill with five floors because the manufacture of old drinks calls for gravitation downward from process to process to the final vats on the bottom.—United Press.

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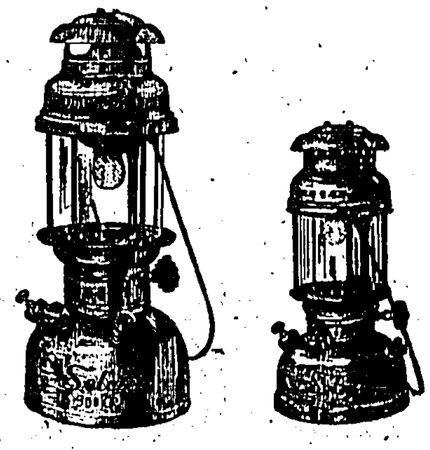

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DEADLOCK IN GREEK POLITICS

Athens, January 9.

Greek political party talks to broaden the existing Coalition Cabinet reached a deadlock tonight when the National Unionist Party refused to join unless "dissident" Liberals were included in the Cabinet.

A group of Liberals led by M. Sophocles, declared last November that they would not support the Populist-Liberal Coalition of the Premier, M Themistocles Sophoulis, formed that month.

M. Panayotis Kanellopoulos, leader of the Unionist Party, told Government and Social Democratic leaders at a conference which continues all day today that the Government could not secure an enlarged Parliamentary support unless the "dissident" Liberals were also included in the Cabinet.

Government quarters believed new efforts would be made tomorrow to persuade M Venizelos to reconsider joining.—Reuter.

1939 PRIZE TO BE AWARDED

Stockholm, January 9

The Nobel Prize Committee is to reaward the 1939 Chemistry prize to the German Professors Adolf Butenandt and Richard Kuhn, who were forbidden by Hitler to receive it.

Professor Butenandt, who is 45, is Director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Bio-Chemistry at Tuebingen. Viennese-born Professor Kuhn, aged 48, is Director of the same institute for Chemistry at Heidelberg.

The award was given in recognition of their work on hormones and vitamins.—Reuter.

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1.30 p.m. Music from Spain.
2.00 p.m. Close Down.
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6.01 p.m. Children's Story: "Differ'ence," by Elf Lewis Clarke. (BBC/TS)
6.15 p.m. Maurice Burman and His Stars of Melody.
6.30 p.m. Conference by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S K Lee. (Studio).
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7.00 p.m. World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
7.15 p.m. "Sze Tee" Talks on Sport. (Studio).
7.25 p.m. Interlude.
7.30 p.m. Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio).
8.00 p.m. "From the Editorials." (London Relay).
8.10 p.m. University Programme "Agriculture" S. 7: "Horticulture" by R. T. Pearl. (BBC/TS)
8.30 p.m. "Much Binding in the March" (BBC/TS).
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10.00 p.m. Radio News Reel (London Relay).
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Republican Outlook Modified

Batavia, January 9.

Republican circles here today reported tentative moves by the Dutch authorities to open unofficial discussions with the Republican leaders.

They believed similar approaches were being made to the Republicans in Jogjakarta. So far, these moves have not progressed very far in Batavia, though a slight change in the Republican outlook here has become noticeable.

The tendency seemed to be to accept the facts of the existing situation as being beyond easy remedy.

The Republicans were apparently not pressing for major troop withdrawals. Instead, they urged modifications in the constitution of the Interim Federal Government, to permit Republicans to co-operate without too severe a strain on their principles.

The changes suggested would reduce the interim powers of the Crown Representative and increase those of the Interim Government, with a fixed date for the transfer of sovereignty.

But the true state of Republican opinion has become most difficult to gauge, with four of the most important members of the Republican Government confined to Banka Island, four more restricted to the Jogjakarta area, one abroad and six in hiding or with the guerillas.

Not In Touch

The Republican leaders now in Batavia Dr. Soepomo, a former Minister, Dr. Darmasetiawan, chief adviser to the Republican delegation to the United Nations Good Offices Committee, and Professor Soejono, the delegation's secretary, are not in touch with the leaders on Banka Island or in Jogjakarta.

In spite of the slight change in outlook, some Republicans criticised as too friendly the letter Dr. Soekarno, the Republican President, wrote to the Dutch commander of his guard, in which he said he did not hate the Dutch, only imperialism.

Guerilla activity by Republican forces continued to be widespread in Java and Sumatra, Republican reports, partly supported from Dutch sources, said today.

It was reported to be directed mainly against Dutch outposts, communications and estates.—Reuter.

DUTCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Hague, January 10.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. D.U. Stikker, predicted yesterday that developments in Indonesia will bring:

1—Orderly conditions throughout the Island soon.

2—Early resumption of production and export in areas recently occupied by Dutch troops.

3—Steady improvement of living standards.

4—Reconciliation of Dutch and American views on the handling of the Indonesian problem.

5—Co-operation by Western powers in South East Asia.

His statements replied to questions submitted by the Associated Press.

Mr. Stikker declined to speculate whether any of the present Indonesian Republican leaders would be acceptable to his government as future leaders of the country. The Dutch, he said, want Indonesia to elect capable men who can keep order and preserve Democratic freedoms. "It is not for the Netherlands government to decide, who these men shall be," he added.

Interim Government

To a question whether the Dutch intend to delay setting up an interim government of a United States of Indonesia until the Republican territory can be included in it, he replied:

"All parts of Indonesia will have to be integrated as quickly as possible into the total political structure of the future United States of Indonesia under the interim government."

The Dutch seek to unite all of Indonesia into a union under the Netherlands crown. The Republicans have resisted features of the plan and were unable to agree on how to integrate the Republic into the union.

Certain Distrust

Mr. Stikker said United States official opposition to Dutch military action against the Indonesian Republicans "reflects a certain distrust of our aims which I regret."

"I am sure," he added, "that the near future will show that our aims in Indonesia do not diverge from the American view and serve the interests of South-East Asia in creating a free and sovereign Indonesian State."

Predicting Western power co-operation in the area, he said:

"Such co-operation is quite normal wherever Democracies exist, or those European powers that formerly had special interests in Asia. Today the U.S. is interested in stable conditions in Asia as much as Western Europe is."—Associated Press.

Australian Policy Condemned

Melbourne, January 9.

It was a great blunder for Australia to be involved in the forthcoming Asian conference on Indonesia, to which Britain had not been invited, Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Opposition leader in the Australian Parliament, said today.

Mr. Menzies, who was commenting on the Commonwealth Government's decision to send two representatives to New Delhi for the conference on January 20, added that Britain had considerable interests in the Far East and should therefore have been invited.—Reuter.

Dreyfus Had A Fortune

Buenos Aires, January 8.

Louis Dreyfus, who died in France in 1940, left personal property in Argentina valued at more than 200 million pesos (equivalent to about £10,000,000).

This is according to a Commission appointed by the Buenos Aires courts to determine whether inheritance taxes and death duties shall be paid.

The Commission found that Dreyfus owned probably half the shares of Louis Dreyfus and Company, Paris, which in turn owned at least 75 per cent of the shares of Louis Dreyfus and Company, Buenos Aires, and that the latter had holdings in a number of other companies.

When the Commission was appointed in November, 1948, the Federal Attorney estimated the property should be valued at 1,000 million pesos.

Under Argentine law, inheritance taxes are paid to the National Council of Education.—Reuter.

NEW CHICAGO GANG WAR FEARED

Chicago, January 9.

Police feared today that the first machine gun killing since the Al Capone era may mark a new gang war for control of a revived alcohol trade.

Hyman Franks, 51-year-old ex-convict, was ambushed last night by a squad of professional killers who used the traditional "Chicago typewriter" to cut him down, only two doors from his home. Nancy Kramer, a schoolgirl, saw Franks killed.

The machine gun was handled by a man who waited in an alley for Franks to return home. Franks saw the killer and tried to dash from his car to the door of his house, but the bullets caught him before he could take more than a few steps. Three or four other men waited in a black car while the assassin completed his work and walked unhurriedly to the car which then sped away.

Detectives are convinced that the killing was the work of Chicago's notorious "syndicate" in a move to recapture control of the alcohol racket, which is again flourishing because more maize and other grains are being used for foodstuffs for Marshall Plan aid and for cattle feed in the U.S.

The amount of grain ordinarily used for alcohol has been drastically reduced, creating a shortage and a consequent black market.

Police sources said Franks was the head of an organisation which is draining about 1,000 gallons of alcohol daily from five or six stills in the Chicago area. It is then smuggled through the old Prohibition "corridor" from Detroit to Windsor, Canada, where it is sold to whisky manufacturers.

The Chicago "syndicate," which includes many of Capone's former gangsters, is believed to be planning to move back into the alcohol trade which it relinquished after "Scarface" was sentenced to Alcatraz for income tax evasion.—United Press.

DR. EDMUNDS KILLED

Claremont, California, January 9.

Doctor Charles K. Edmunds, President of Ling Nan University of Canton from 1907 to 1924, was struck and killed by a motor car on Saturday as he crossed a highway.

Between 1909 and 1917 he headed a Carnegie-sponsored survey of China, during which the Burma Road was charted.

He returned to the U.S. in 1924 to serve as President of Pomona College until 1941. Later that year he was decorated by China with its order of the Jade for his services to that country.—Associated Press.

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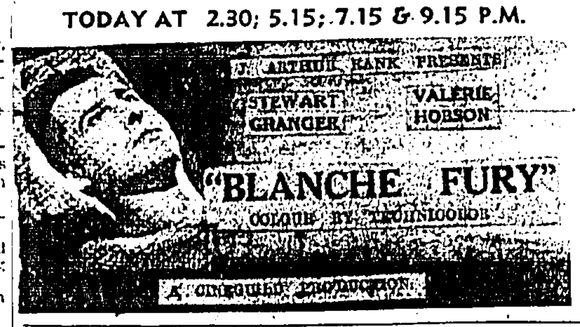

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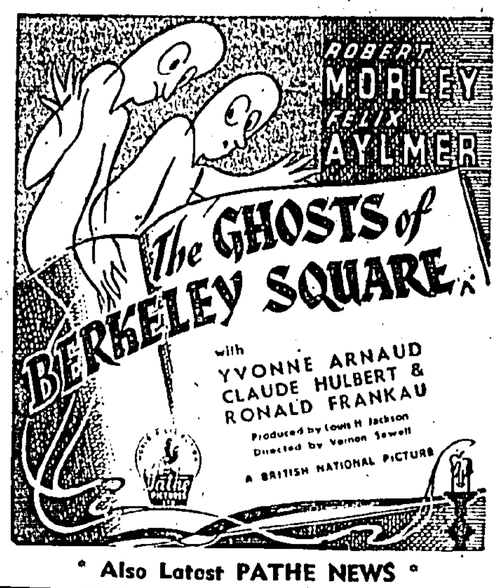

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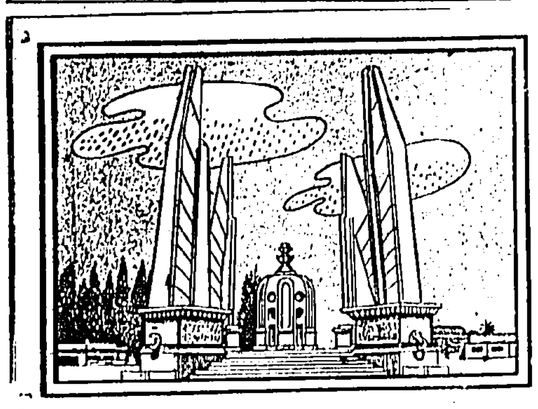

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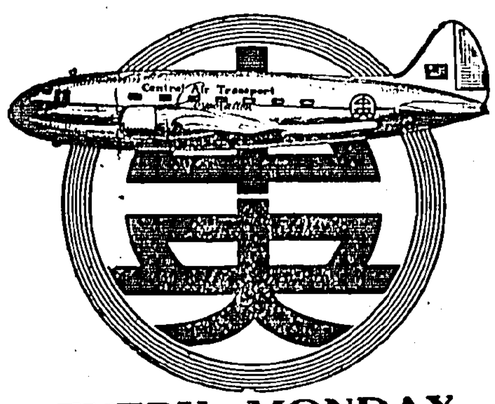

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YOUNG—In loving memory of William Gock Young, who passed away on January 11, 1947. Inserted by wife and children.

BRIGHT FUTURE—MAYBE

In a smooth and soothing survey of official British policy towards the Colonies, broadcast on Sunday night, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, the Colonial Secretary, made pious protestations about Whitehall's plans for the next decade.

Extracts: "We want your country to grow in responsibility. We desire no economic or political domination....We want to see you steadily developing experience and capacity to handle your own affairs in this very difficult world....We want to help you to create the social services which you need....In many places there have been great steps taken in the development of genuine organs of rural, urban and municipal governments."

But perhaps the crux of Mr. Creech-Jones polished resume was summed up in one interpolated sentence: "It takes time to work the changes we want." One had visions of George III and sailing ships taking months to reach their destination as the only means of communication between the ruling capital and Britain's scattered possessions. To anyone who knows the Colonial Office and some of its personnel, the whole speech typified the fantastic laisse faire towards those parts of the Commonwealth not actively and vociferously engaged in breaking away from the family of nations. To make our own attitude clear, we are not afraid of the new trend towards granting independence to "backward" states; but believing in the exceptional importance of the world-wide association of peoples, it deplores the practice of waiting for riots and armed rebellion before implementing the precepts the home government prates of so glibly.

Take Hong Kong, for instance. How have we been allowed to "grow in responsibility," to have "steadily developing experience" in handling our own affairs? What steps have been taken to help us create "the social services which you need?" What great steps have been made "in the development of genuine organs of rural, urban and municipal governments?"

Yes, we have been promised our long-awaited municipal council—in 1950, perhaps. "It takes time to work out the changes we want." In our case it has already taken a century. Who can doubt that the proper part of agitation would hasten its inauguration before the end of this winter, in the same way that unofficial strikes at Home—often against nationalised industries—produce rapid results that otherwise might have taken years to obtain?

The fact seems to be that the Home Government, with its hands full of troubles in England and in the wider international sphere, is willing to reap the benefits of the Empire's produce and aid while simultaneously deploring that it was ever set up; willing to grant its members independence (and possible economic chaos) in face of armed insurrection; but unwilling to implement some of the same social changes and rights with which it is flooding Britain at the risk of disruption and bankruptcy. Maybe most of the present government have not been further away from London than Ostend, but if they will not listen to their experienced advisers who do know the Colonies, it is about time they discharged them (the experts, of course) as redundant.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

During early September, while returning from a visit to the forward areas, I suffered a minor incident to a forced landing on a beach. Caught in a sudden storm, we found it impossible to return to our own little landing strip near headquarters and had no place to land except on a neighbouring beach. It was one of the beaches that the Germans had fortified before D-day, and had at one time been mined. This did not add to the comfort of our position but we tried to pull the plane far enough away from the water's edge to prevent its inundation by the rising tide. In doing so, I badly wrenched a knee. My pilot, Lieutenant Underwood, helped me across the beach while I kept an anxious eye on the smooth sand in front of us for any telltale signs of buried explosives. We reached a country road and started the long trek toward headquarters. It was a miserable walk through a driving rain but we had little hope of thumbing a ride because the back road we were travelling was rarely used by our soldiers. However, within a few minutes there came up behind us a jeep into which eight soldiers had managed to crowd.

We flagged them down and the occupants, instantly recognising me, jumped out to help. They were obviously astounded to see the commanding general in such an out-of-the-way place and limping along in the rain. I asked them to take me to headquarters and so great was their concern that they practically lifted me into the front seat of the jeep. Then, careful to avoid crowding against my injured leg, they allowed no one else except the driver to sit in front. I still do not understand how all the rest of them piled in and on the jeep and still managed to get my pilot aboard, but this they did.

For two days I was confined to bed and thereafter was forced, for a time, to carry a plaster cast on my leg. Press representatives noted my absence from headquarters and surmised that I was ill, possibly because of overwork. When a story to this effect appeared in the press I had to publish the details of the affair, but in the hope that my wife would not magnify the seriousness of the accident pending receipt of my letter of explanation.

Travel was temporarily difficult, but to make sure that Montgomery would be completely informed as to our plans, I met him at Brussels on September 10. Air Chief Marshal Tedder and General Gale were also present.

I explained to Montgomery the condition of our supply system and our need for early use of Antwerp. I pointed out that, without railway bridges over the Rhine and ample stockages of supplies on hand, there was no possibility of maintaining a force in Germany capable of penetrating to its capital. There was still a considerable reserve in the middle of the enemy country and I knew that any pencillike thrust into the heart of Germany such as he proposed would meet nothing but certain destruction. This was true, no matter on what part of the front it might be attempted. I would not consider it.

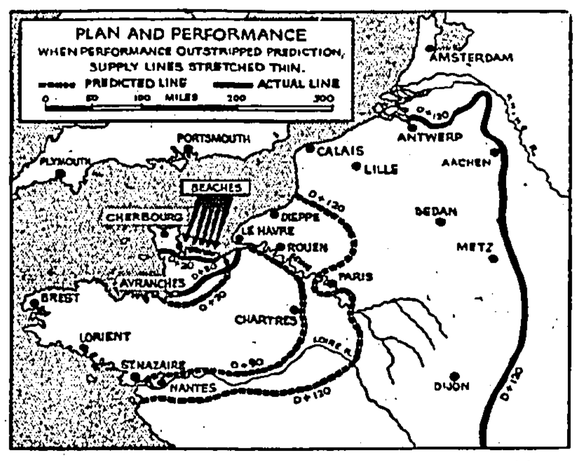
It was possible, and perhaps certain, that had we stopped, in late August, all Allied movements elsewhere on the front he might have succeeded in establishing a strong bridgehead definitely threatening the Ruhr, just as any of the other armies could have gone faster and farther, if allowed to do so at the expense of starvation elewhere. However, at no point could decisive success have been attained, and, meanwhile, on the other parts of the front we would have gotten into precarious positions, from which it would have been difficult to recover.

General Montgomery was acquainted only with the situation in his own sector. He understood that to support his proposal would have meant stopping dead for weeks all units except the Twenty-first Army Group. But he did not understand the impossible situation that would have developed along the rest of our great front when he, having outrun the possibility of maintenance, was forced to stop or withdraw.

I instructed him that what I did want in the North was Antwerp working, and I also wanted a line covering that port. Beyond this I believed it possible that we might with airborne assistance seize a bridgehead over the Rhine in the Arnhem region, flanking the defences of the Siegfried Line. The operation to gain such a bridgehead—it was assigned the code name Market-Garden—would be merely an incident and extension of our Eastward rush to the line we needed for temporary security. On our Northern flank that line was the lower Rhine itself. To stop short of that obstacle would have left us in a very exposed position, particularly during the period that Montgomery would have to concentrate large forces on the Walcheren Island operation.

It these things could be done, we would engage in no additional major advances in the North until we had built up our logistics in the rear. But we could and would carry out minor operations all along the great front to facilitate later great offensives. Montgomery was very anxious to attempt the seizure of the bridgehead.

At the September 10 conference in Brussels Field Marshal Montgomery was therefore authorised to defer the clearing out of the Antwerp approaches in an effort to seize the bridgehead I wanted. To assist Montgomery I allocated to him the Allied Airborne Army, which had been recently formed under Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton of the United States Air Forces. The target date for the attack was tentatively set for, September 17, and I promised to do my utmost for him in supply until that operation was completed. After the completion of the bridgehead operation he was to turn instantly and with his whole force to the capture of Walcheren Island and the other areas from which the Germans were defending the approaches to Antwerp. Montgomery set about the task energetically.



With all of our affairs, except supply, in reasonably good order, the Combined Chiefs of Staff, in conference at Quebec, decided that it was no longer necessary for me to retain under my direct and personal command the two bomber forces stationed in Great Britain. They set up an arrangement whereby the strategic bombers were to be directly subordinate to the Combined Chiefs of Staff through the medium of a combined agency set up in London. From my own viewpoint, this was a clumsy and inefficient arrangement, but so far as our operation was concerned it made no difference whatsoever. This was because a paragraph was inserted in the directive which gave the demands of the supreme commander in Europe priority over anything else that the strategic bombers might be required to do. With this safeguard and unequivocal authority, I had no objection to the new arrangement regardless of my opinion of its awkwardness.

Spaatz protested bitterly at the new command system for the strategic bombers until I showed him that it made no difference to me. Even Harris, who had originally been known as the individual who wanted to win the war with bombing alone and who was supposed to have derided the mobilisation of armies and navies, had become exceedingly proud of his membership in the "Allied team." Here are extracts of a letter he wrote to me upon receipt of the order returning him to the direct control of the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

September 21, 1944.

My dear Ike:

Under the new dispensation I and my Command no longer serve directly under you. I take opportunity to assure you, although I feel sure that you will recognise that assurance as superfluous, that our continuing commitment for the support of your forces upon call from you will indeed continue, as before, to be met to the utmost of our skill and the last ounce of our endeavour.....

I wish personally and on behalf of my Command to proffer you my thanks and gratitude for your unvarying helpfulness, encouragement and support which has never failed us throughout the good fortunes and occasional emergencies of the campaign.....

We in Bomber Command proffer you not only our congratulations and our thanks, but our utmost service wherever and whenever the need arises. I hope indeed that we may continue the task together to its completion in our respective spheres.

Yours ever
BERT.

All along the front we felt increasingly the strangulation on movement imposed by our inadequate lines of communication. The Services of Supply had made heroic and effective effort to keep us going to the last possible minute. They installed system of truck transport by taking over main-road routes in France and using most of these for one-way traffic. These were called Red Ball Highways, on which trucks kept running continuously. Every vehicle ran at least twenty hours a day. Relief drivers were scraped up from every unit that could provide them and the vehicles themselves were allowed to halt only for necessary loading, unloading, and servicing.

Railway engineers worked night and day to repair broken bridges and track and to restore the operational efficiency of rolling stock. Gasoline and fuel oil were brought onto the Continent by means of flexible pipe laid under the English Channel. From the beaches the gas and oil were pumped forward to main distribution points through pipe lines laid on the surface of the ground. Aviation engineers built landing strips at amazing speed, and throughout the organisation there was displayed a morale and devotion to duty equal to that of any fighting unit in the whole command.

In the months succeeding the conclusion of hostilities I had many opportunities to review various campaigns with the leaders of the Russian Army. Not only did I talk to marshals and generals but on this subject I spent a considerable time with Generalissimo Stalin. Without exception, these Russian officers made one pressing demand upon me. It was to explain the supply arrangements that enabled us to make the great sweep out of our constricted beachhead in Normandy to cover, in one rush, all of France, Belgium, and Luxembourg, up to the very borders of Germany. I had to describe to them our systems of railway repairs and construction, truckage, evacuation, and supply by air.

To Be Continued

CANTONESE BY RADIO
BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 12.

Vocabulary:—

64.	(yeung) $_2$yeung / $_2$yeung^2	A kind.
		Fashion. Model. Shape. Way.
65.	(kom) gom^3 / gom^2	So.
		Such.
66.	(kaai) gaaye^2	To explain.

Useful phrase:

(8)	"Yun^1 $_3$wai"	Because.
1.	$_2$Yeung $_3$yeung $_2$yeh.	Everything.
2.	Deem^2 yeung^2?	How? In what manner (way)?
3.	Gom^3 daw^1	So many (much).
4.	Gom^2 yeung^2.	In such manner (way).
5.	Deem^2 gaaye^2?	What is the meaning? Why?

Conversation:

A.	$_2$Kui $_1$lai $_1$m $_1$lai neh^1?	Is he coming?
B.	$_2$Kui $_3$wah $_1$lai.	He says he is coming.
A.	$_2$Kui $_1$lai $_3$dzoh mee^1 $_2$yeh ah^3?	What is he coming for? (or) Why is he coming?
B.	$_2$Kui $_1$lai $_3$dzoh mee^1 dee^1 $_2$yeh.	He is coming to do this.
A.	Nee^1 dee^1 $_2$yeh, deem^2 yeung^2 $_3$dzoh neh^1?	How is this done?
B.	$_2$Ngaw $_1$m jee doh^3	I don't know.
A.	Deem^2 gaaye^2 $_2$nay $_1$m jee^1 doh^3 neh^1?	Why don't you know?
B.	Yun^1 $_3$wai $_2$kui $_2$moh $_3$wah $_2$ngaw jee^1.	Because he didn't tell me.
A.	Deem^2 gaaye^2 $_2$kui $_1$m $_3$wah $_2$nay jee^1 neh^1?	Why didn't he tell you?
B.	$_2$Ngaw $_1$m jee^1 doh^3 deem^2 gaaye^2.	I don't know why.
A.	$_2$Kui gay^2 deem^2 jung^1 $_1$lai ah^3?	What time is he coming?
B.	$_2$Kui $_3$look deem^2 boon^3 jung^1 $_1$lai.	He is coming at half past six
A.	$_2$Kui gay^2 deem^2 jung^1 faan^1 hui^3 neh^1?	What time is he going back?
B.	$_2$Kui $_3$look deem^2 $_3$shup gaw^3 $_3$dzee faan^1 cok^1 kay^2	He is going back home at 6:50.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

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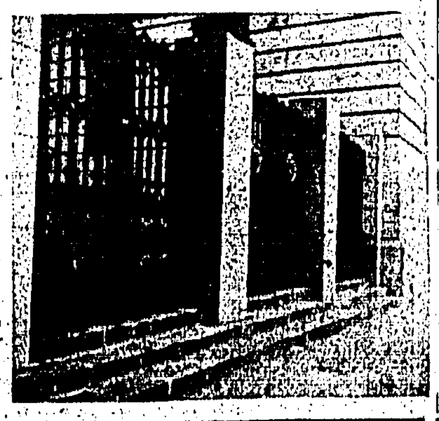

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Washington, January 10.

President Truman handed the American Congress today a record US$41,858,000,000 peacetime budget—half of it to wage the cold war with Russia.

He warned that the price of upholding freedom in the world is still going higher. Yet to come is the cost of rearming Western Europe—a step the President said he will propose before the year is out.

The spending programme Mr. Truman charted for the 12 months beginning July 1 is $1,678,000,000 higher than this year's— also a peacetime record.

This means, the President declared, that even without Western Europe's rearmament, the United States faces a deficit of $873,000,000 in 150, an operating loss of $600,000,000 for 1949 unless taxes are increased

Soberly, Mr. Truman warned that future budgets will have to be bigger yet to meet America's mounting responsibilities in the world and to pay the cost of a greatly expanded military establishment for home defence.

The cost of championing democracy in the world was given by Mr. Truman in these words:

Dominated By Defence

"The 1950 budget, like all those since the end of the war, is dominated by our international and national defence programme. Together they are expected to amount to $21,000,000,000 or half of all budget expenditures."

The analysis of these two major proposal:

International affairs and aid $6,700,000,000, a decrease of $500,000,000 The Marshall Plan cost would fall $100,000,000 to a total of $4,500,000,000 and China's special aid would drop to $49,000,000 from $350,000,000, but China might share with Korea, Greece and Turkey in a new $355,000,000 aid programme.

Mr Truman emphasised he will ask later for money to rearm friendly nations "in the furtherance of our national security."

National defence nearly $14,300,000,000, well over one third of the budget total and an increase of $2,500,000,000 over this year. There would be over $13,100,000,000 for the armed forces with priority to air power and emphasis on research and development and industrial mobilisation.

There would be $530,000,000 for stockpiling strategic materials and $600,000,000 for universal military training.

Stockpiling Materials

The President sounded a note of hope that things are better in the world than a year ago.

In his message today the President said: "The United States must continue to exert strong, positive efforts to achieve peace in the world and growing prosperity at home."

And this time, when he spoke of Europe he asserted "United States aid to the Western European countries and the mutual self help which it has stimulated among them already are resulting in substantial progress toward economic recovery and political stability."

The United States, Mr. Truman said, "is today the strong bulwark of freedom in the world. To maintain its own strength, he told of his plan "for a national defence position of relative military readiness coupled with a higher degree of mobilisation preparedness."

Rapid Expansion

"The military forces recommended in this budget are the most powerful this nation has ever maintained in peacetime," he said and he bespoke of the readiness for "rapid expansion should the need arise."

The President laid out the foreign aspects of the budget in these words:

"International affairs and finance account for $7,100,000,000 of the expenditures in the fiscal year 1950 compared with $7,200,000,000 in 1949.

"Most of these funds will be spent as part of the strong economic support we are extending to the free nations of Western Europe where recovery is the key to continued independence and to safeguarding freedom in many other parts of the world. Our investment in European recovery will repay us many times in terms of increased strength and improved organisation for peace.

Economic Power Not Enough

"But in existing circumstances, economic strength is not enough to assure continued independence to free peoples. Under the charter of the United Nations therefore we have been discussing with some of the Western European countries measures designed to increase the security of the North Atlantic area.

"To further this objective I expect later to request funds for providing military supplies to those countries and to certain other countries where the provision of such assistance is important to our national security.

"It is not possibly to predict accurately what will be needed and I have therefore included no allowance in the budget. The fact that additional funds will be required to meet the demand of this programme emphasises even more strongly the need for increased revenues in the years ahead."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN

The President said the principal United States foreign relief activities at present are "those under the army's programme of government and relief in occupied areas —primarily Germany and Japan."

Substantial Decline

Tentative estimates of about $1,000,000,000 of appropriations and expenditures for the fiscal year 1950 are included in this budget—a substantial decline from 1949. These estimates, include continuation of the rehabilitation programme in Japan.

"With these additional sums for rehabilitation and with further ECA recovery aid for Germany in the next fiscal year, progress toward economic recovery in the occupied areas should continue with a resulting further decline in expenditures in subsequent years."

The President said his budget recommendations for national defence in the fiscal year 1950 are "based on a plan for a national defence position of relative military preparedness, coupled with a higher degree of mobilisation preparedness. This type of military planning will permit us continuously to revive our tactics and develop our weapons to meet modern conditions." — Associated Press.

Austrian Pretender Under Fire

Vienna, January 9

The Communist Deputy Ernst Fischer told a meeting of Communist leaders in Vienna today that the activities of the Austrian Pretender, Otto Von Habsburg, were designed to place himself somewhere in Europe's "political preserved food" under the aegis of the Marshall Plan

Fischer said that at the moment it was unnecessary to replace Habsburg in Austria since it was already an American bulwark. But the situation is different in Hungary where obviously a Habsburg was urgently needed.

Deputy Fischer said the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty was just because he had misused his priestly position

When he was arrested, Cardinal Mindszenty was charged with having conspired, while in the United States, with Otto Von Habsburg for the latters return to the Austro-Hungarian "throne.—Reuter.

European Railways Running Down

Geneva, January 10.

More than 15 per cent of all railway wagons in Western Europe are out of use for want of repairs, according to figures published in Geneva on Sunday by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Western Europe's rolling stock was in better condition at the end of 1948 than it was immediately after the war, but there were still nearly twice as many unserviceable wagons in 1948 as during an average pre-war year.

Western Europe had a total of 312,554 wagons out of service on November 30, 1948.

Great Britain was the only country in Western Europe with a greater percentage of unserviceable wagons in 1948 than in 1946. Britain had a total of 147,381 wagons—12 per cent of her entire rolling stock—awaiting repair on November 30, nearly as many as in all other West European countries together.—Associated Press.

BULLITT BELIEVES WE ARE SCARED

Washington, January 9.

Mr. William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Moscow and Paris, who recently returned from China on a congressional mission, told the United Press today:

"I talked in China and other parts of the Far East with leading United States, British and French experts and they agreed with me that unless the United States is able to help Nationalist China to stem the advance of Communism, European territories and independent nations on or near the Chinese borders will be gravely menaced.

"These experts are unanimous that if the Communists reached the Southern Chinese borders, then not only the strategic position of European nations and the United States would be further affected but severe economic losses might be incurred, further weakening the economic and financial situation in Western Europe."

Turn Of Entire Situation

Mr. Bullitt said these experts went so far as to say that if the Communists got a real grip on Southern China, then some European territories and independent nations in South East Asia would go Communist, which might lead to the turning of the entire military situation in the Southern Pacific.

"As regards French Indo-China, French experts took it for granted that France would lose that territory once the Chinese Communists consolidated the border area between China and Indo-China," Mr. Bullitt said.

"However, I feel before that threat appears there is still time for the French government to come to terms with the moderate nationalists, provided it is willing to offer genuine independence within the French Union and pursue policies similar to the political and economic policies of the United States in the Philippines. That would enable France to obtain the co-operation of the Annamite forces for the defeat of the Communist guerillas.

"I know some leading members of the French government are well aware of the need for such a policy.

"Some of the British experts I talked to are fearful of the fate of Malaya and Hong Kong if the Chinese Communists reached the Southern Chinese borders. It must be remembered, for example, that in Hong Kong there are about 2,000,000 Chinese, compared to about 10,000 British, and that the mass of Chinese there would quickly be solidified by the Communists.

"Consequently, they still hope even at this late hour that the United States may have a more positive policy toward China.

"It is late, very late, but not too late to prevent the conquest of the continent of Asia by the Communists."—United Press.

BATTLE PROMISED ON U.S. POLICY IN ASIA

Washington, January 9.

Asia will have some vocal and able advocates on Capital Hill during the present session of Congress in the group of Republican Senators who have already lined up behind the China aid proposals of the former Ambassador, Mr. William C. Bullitt.

Republican Senator George W. Malone, who recently finished a tour of the Far and Middle East, said he will demand on the Senate floor that the United States "make up its mind and make a decision on our policy in Asia."

His words recalled the recent report on China made after a trip there by former Democratic Senator Worth Clark. Clark said it was time the United States "fish or cut bait" on its China policy.

Republican Representative Charles Merror has introduced a US$1,000,000,000 China aid bill in the House

Although most attention is focussed on China, Senator Malone said he is to give his colleagues repeated information on the entire Far and Middle East. He said United States lack of decision on Asia was responsible for:

1. Forcing Pandit Nehru to call the New Delhi conference on the Indonesian problem;
2. Setting the Indonesians on the road to Communism;
3. Completely abandoning China to the Communists;
4. In general turning all Asia against the United States.

Moves In Asia

"On the basis of my recent three-hour conversation with Nehru I am convinced United States lack of action forced him to call this conference and possibly to formulate a Nehru Doctrine for Asia comparable to the Monroe Doctrine. Indians and other leaders in Asia were desperately waiting for us to make up our minds what was important to the U.S. Government in Asia. I am sure Nehru feels the United States lacks a definite foreign policy and since he does not know what we will do, he was driven to this action," said Senator Malone.

Mean Business

Consultations in Jogjakarta with President Soerkarno and Prime Minister Hatta "convinced me they mean business."

Senator Malone added, "They want economic and political recognition and they will get it eventually. The Dutch may whip the Indonesians now but the Indonesians will continue fighting and, ultimately, they will win because the Asian people are on the move and a temporary setback will not stop them."

As to China, Senator Malone said: "The United States must make up its mind whether the integrity of the Chinese government is important to our ultimate safety. If it is important, let's get going. If it is not important we must say so. Only President Truman, after consultations with the military authorities, can make that decision.

"Psychologically and economically, the Far East is much more important to us than Europe. But whether it is militarily, I cannot say. Only our military authorities can decide that."—United Press.

U.S. Military Segregation

Washington, January 9.

Senator William Langer said today that he will renew his fight in the new Congress against segregation in the armed services.

Senator Langer said in a statement that he will reintroduce the six amendments which he submitted unsuccessfully when the Draft Act was being debated in the Senate last year.

At the same time, Representative Jacob K. Javits said that "discriminatory treatment of negro soldiers is a most serious infringement of our freedoms in a highly sensitive area, affecting our national security."

He added that "strict adherence to constitutional principles" was an essential morale element in the armed forces.—United Press.

FLYING DOCTOR

Brisbane, January 9.

The Australian Flying Doctor Service Committee asked New South Wales wool growers to aid its funds.

The Service—which provides medical aid by air in remote areas—hopes to raise A£40,000. —Reuter.

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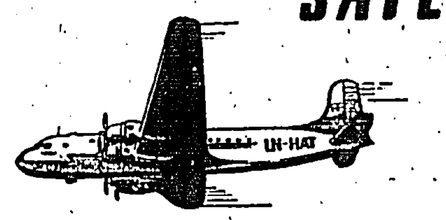

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Pai Chung-hsi Regarded As The Mystery Man Of China

Hankow, January 10.

Speculation as to the role that General Pai Chun-hsi will play in the future stages of China's civil conflict has been aroused by Nanking reports of a meeting at Hankow with General Chang Chun and other Government leaders to discuss new peace proposals.

Liberal-minded General Pai is commander of the Central China Bandit Suppression Headquarters and has under him between 200,000 and 300,000 men.

Since his appointment last May, this Kwangsi military leader has been embroiled in only minor skirmishes with the Communists.

Hankow and Central China, embracing Hupeh and parts of Anhwei and Honan, in general remained serenely aloof from the civil war and comparatively unaffected by the conflict further East.

This inactivity, coupled with General Pai's reputed cool relations with the Generalissimo, dating back to the early days of the Kuomintang regime, have led observers to suggest the possibility of peace negotiations between General Pai and the Communists.

This view has been strengthened by a Communist broadcast promising Hankow immunity from military operations while, at the same time stating that Nanking cannot escape.

Against this, however, has been the Kwangsi general's recent and current activities. After providing for limited support on the Hsuchow front, he has recently weakened his military position by sending large reinforcements to the Nanking front.

Defence Measures

A military spokesman at the Nationalist headquarters claimed yesterday that 120,000 men had been so transferred, although independent observers place the figure nearer 60,000.

At the same time, observers report a withdrawal of certain installation equipment to the South bank of the Yangtse at Hankow. These removals, they suggest, indicate a withdrawal of the base establishments which might mean that General Pai Chung-hsi is not confident of holding the North bank against attacks.

Static defences have been developed both at Hankow and at points further down the Yangtse.

General Pai also concurred in the transfer of the Central China Air Force Headquarters from Hankow to Hengyang, about 400 miles to the South.—Reuter-APP.

Canadian Seaman's Feat

Belfast, January 9.

When the storm-battered Canadian freighter, Cumberland County, reached harbour at Belfast tonight the crew told how an able-seaman saved five of his companions by letting them cling to his body in the wash of giant waves across the deck.

The ship's hold was full of water and some of her plates were sprung.

At the height of a storm off Narvik, Norway, a huge wave swept Bill Brace, of Toronto, and five others to the rails. He gripped an iron rod with one hand and hung on while the five clung to his body. "If his strength had failed, all of us would have been lost," one of the men said.

The 7,176 tons freighter was bound from Narvik to Baltimore with 5,000 tons of iron. She survived merciless battering for four days in the worst storm in the crew's memory.

Members of the crew said that at times they thought the ship could not possibly keep afloat.—Reuter.

Red Propaganda On Korea

Moscow, January 10.

The official Communist newspaper Pravda asserted yesterday that grain deliveries to non-Communist South Korea have broken down.

The newspaper published a Korean dispatch from the Soviet news agency Tass reporting peasants are withholding grain as a mark of resistance to "the South Korean puppet government of Lee Sin Man." Only about 800 tons, or half as much as needed, have been collected, the message said.

Pravda and other Russian newspapers in another article asserted "the traitor, Lee Sin Man" has turned over to Americans important sections of South Korean industries. The article asserted Americans now control 30 per cent of the 860 industrial enterprises it estimated exist in South Korea.—Associated Press.

Rita And Prince Won't Talk

Berne, January 9.

The millionaire Indian, Prince Aly Khan, and the film star, Miss Rita Hayworth, now on holiday in Switzerland, declined tonight, through the Prince's valet, to comment on the hostile criticism of their friendship by two London Sunday newspapers.

The valet also declined to give any information about the travel plans of the Prince and Miss Hayworth.—Reuter.

REFUGEE FLIGHT FROM DANGER AREAS

Hankow, January 10.

Thousands of refugees from the war threatened Nanking-Shanghai area are seeking safety in flight down the Hankow-Canton railway, the only Central China escape route to the South.

The flood of evacuees is not so great as six weeks ago during the earlier scare in the capital, but it is expected to increase again with a reported new Communist advanec on the Yangtse.

Most of the refugees belong to the poorer classes as the wealthy ones have already beaten a hasty retreat by more comfortable methods of travel.

Some of the present refugees are evacuating up the Yangtse to Hankow, thence South by rail, but the majority are coming across from the East by the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway and joining the Canton line at Pinghsiang.

They are buying a doubtful security at a heavy cost in personal discomfort as well as personal risk. In a two-day journey up the railway from Canton to Hankow, I ran against this tide in its frightened Southward flight.

Men, women and children crowded every inch of the carriages and open trucks. Latecomers piled on cowcatchers and clung precariously on the plates between the trucks and huddled on swaying carriage roofs.

With them were their meagre household goods. Some even brought their poultry and their pigs. Not that this represents anything new in railway travel by the Chinese poor, but the distances involved and the days en-route are demanding enormous patience and endurance.

On Carriage Tops

These people on carriage tops and cowcatchers are travelling through a Continental winter often through snowstorms, beating rain and icy winds.

With a fast depreciating Gold Yuan, they are buying frugal meals from grimy food stalls at wayside stations—rice cakes, pieces of pork, edible roots, roasted peanuts and mandarin oranges.

They are able to carry on because they believe they are escaping from a war which few understand and all hate. Some are returning to villages from which they originally migrated, others undoubtedly will find new employment and a new life in Southern centres, but many will probably join the growing hordes of beggars leading a subsistence on the streets of such cities as Canton.—Reuter-AAP.

LULL DEVELOPS IN TIENTSIN SIEGE

Tientsin, January 10.

The Nationalists and Communists around Tientsin rested yesterday afternoon when no exploding shells were heard and street traffic resumed after a stoppage of 36 hours.

But the regrouping, reinforcing and replenishing of forces continued at an accelerated speed and residents busily dug protection shelters while those living close to the perimeter sought refuge in the heart of the city.

The Takungpao estimated that at least 600 families are homeless following the hostilities at Wangchuangchang, in the Eastern district, where their houses were completely destroyed.

More than 20 shells fell inside the Peiyang University compound shattering glass and causing considerable damage to the buildings, it was revealed.

While Tientsin weathered all previous civil wars, the conditions are now drastically changed with the Communists almost flushed against the dyke skirting the city, as against previous fighting which never succeeded in getting close to the city.

Following the Nationalist withdrawal from the former French East arsenal, the Communist artillery has moved in much closer to the city and yesterday morning poured shells inside the beleaguered city.

Peace Mission

The Communists also fired about 20 mortar shells at the emergency airport in the Race Course, when a small Nationalist Air Force plane attempted to take off. The plane promptly stopped on the runway and Tientsin's isolation, except by wireless, was thus maintained.

In the meantime, attention is centred on the peace mission of the four City Councillors who went on Saturday to see General Lin Piao the Communist commander, outside the city limits to effect a truce and settlement of hostilities.

It is understood the delegates stayed overnight at Yishingfu, a Northern suburb town, and proceeded in the morning en route to Yangliuching, 26 kilometres South West of Tientsin, where the interview is scheduled to take place.—Reuter.

Casualty Claim

Peiping, January 10.

General Fu Tso-yi's North China headquarters claimed that the Nationalists on Saturday inflicted 8,000 casualties in fighting in the Tientsin area.

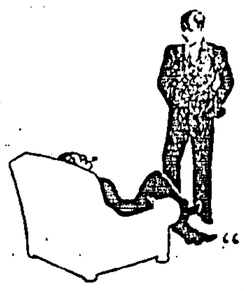
With the number of casualties assessed against the foe the day before, that would make a theoretical 20,000 in two days. Once again, however, censorship regulations forbade disparagement because the claim is official and therefore—so the argument runs—must be considered indisputable.

Skirmishes occurred in the Northern, Western and South Western suburbs of Peiping yesterday. General Fu's headquarters assessed Red casualties during clashes through Saturday night at nearly 1,000.

The Reds have apparently tightened their noose around Peiping, which has been under siege since December 14.

Unexpected developments prevented an earlier issue of a proclamation by General Fu, but unless all pointers are wrong, this may be expected before next Sunday.

The proclamation would change the whole picture in this part of the world, most notably by painting Peiping and other Nationalist islands a different colour on the map.—Associated Press.



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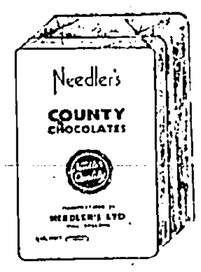

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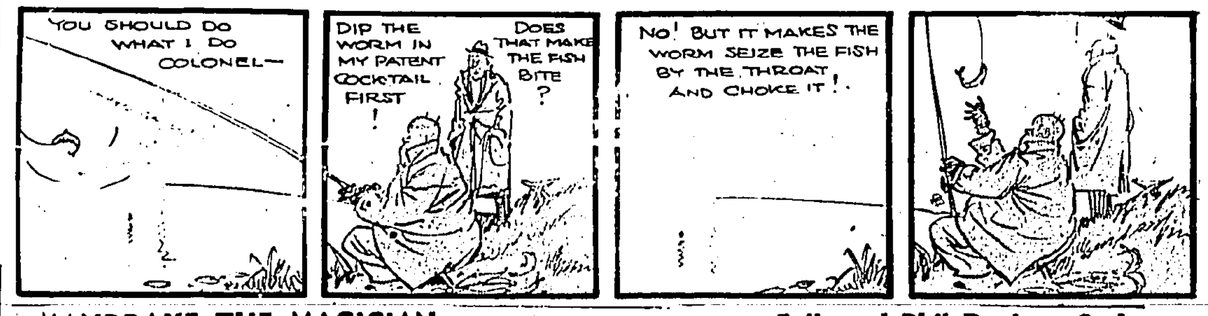

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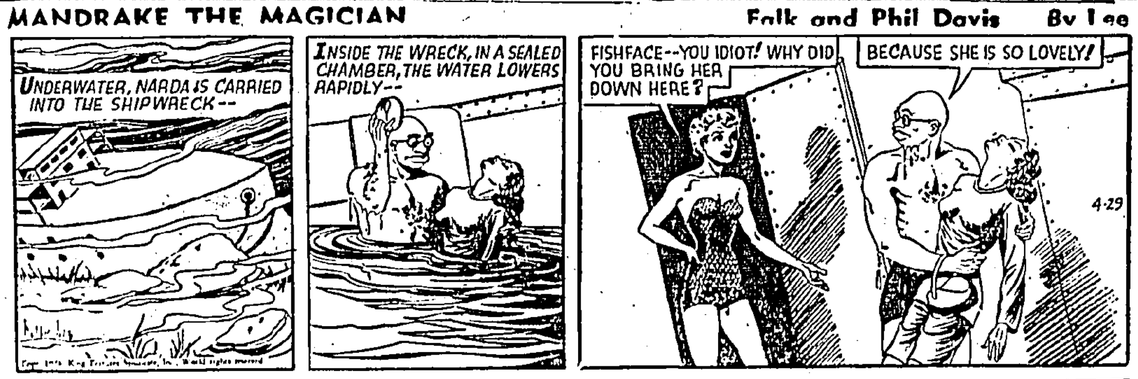

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MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

British Residents Evacuating Haifa

British And Jewish Cross Protests

London, January 9.

British citizens in Israel are being evacuated from Israel at the request of the British Consul General in Haifa, Mr. Cyril Marriot, usually reliable sources in Haifa said.

The first party was reported to have left Haifa airfield for Cyprus at noon today. According to a usually well-informed source in Haifa, Mr. Marriot paid six successive visits today to an Israeli Government representative.

Eight British employees of the Consolidated Oil Refineries at Haifa left today for Cyprus on orders from the company in view of the "deterioration" in the Palestine situation.

A report swept Israel that Mr. Marriot has ordered Britons to be prepared to leave but British residents in Haifa discounted this report, saying they knew of no such warning.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said that so far no instructions have been sent from London to the British Consul-General in Haifa requiring the evacuation of British personnel in Palestine.

"But it would be within the discretion of Mr. Marriot to order an evacuation if he considered the situation had deteriorated gravely. The spokesman said the Foreign Office had no confirmation so far of reports that an evacuation had in fact been decided upon.

Precautionary

The development in the rapidly changing Palestine picture came as Britain announced that troops have been sent to Akaba, the Transjordan port on the Red sea, and Israel protested strongly to the United Nations representative in Palestine over such a move.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said tonight that British troops have been sent to Akaba, the Transjordan port on the Red Sea for the specific purpose of preventing any development which might cause Britain to become involved in the Palestine conflict.

He was commenting on the Israel protest against the despatch of British forces to Akaba on the ground that Britain was intervening in the Palestine hostilities.

The despatch of British forces to Akaba, at the request of the Transjordan Government, which invoked the 1946 Anglo-Transjordan Alliance, was announced officially yesterday.

The spokesman said today that British troops had been despatched to protect the territorial integrity of Transjordan and not to intervene in Palestine. The appeal from the Transjordan Government was understood to have been prompted by the alarm caused by the recent Jewish penetration into Egypt.

Jewish Protest

It was officially announced in Tel Aviv today that Israel had made a "strong protest" to the United Nations representative in Palestine against the landing of British troops at the Transjordan port of Akaba.

An official Israeli spokesman said the protest was contained in a letter from the Israeli Foreign Office's Director General, Dr. William Eytan, to M. Henri Vigier, the personal representative in Haifa of Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting Mediator.

The letter said the Israeli Government took "a grave view of the results which may flow from this unilateral intervention by Britain in the Palestine conflict."

The letter demanded that United Nations observers should be sent immediately to the Akaba area to ensure there was no crossing of the Israeli frontier by British troops.

The Israeli spokesman said the letter was in reply to a previous communication from M. Vigier assuring Israel that there were no British troops in the Akaba area.

Transjordan Policy

In Amman today, the Transjordan spokesman said his Government had invoked last year's Anglo-Transjordan treaty as a precautionary measure.

"Our ally, Britain," had responded by despatching British forces "in what were considered adequate numbers" to Akaba, he added.

Asked if Transjordan would act similarly to Egypt and initiate direct armistice talks with the Jews, the Transjordan spokesman said his Government would react "in conformity with its aims and with the circumstances."

Egypt had not notified the Transjordan Government of its intention to enter such talks, the spokesman added. He said the Egyptians were affected by the Security Council's order of November 4 and 29 calling for a truce and a cease fire in the Negev.

Transjordan, on the other hand, had to consider the Council's resolution of November 10, calling on the parties in the Palestine fighting to negotiate either directly or through the acting Mediator.

British Planes Incidents

Mr. Aubrey Eban, the Jewish representative at the United Nations, left London by air today for New York to attend the Security Council meeting tomorrow, when the shooting down of British planes by the Jews on the Egyptian-Palestine border would be discussed.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting United Nations Mediator for Palestine left New York today for Rhodes to assist in the Israeli-Egyptian discussions on an armistice to follow the present truce in Southern Palestine.

Dr. Bunche and his Chief of Staff, Brigadier General William Riley, who was travelling with him, said: "We hope our mission will be crowned with success."

Dr. Bunche said: "Our most optimistic hope is to get these two parties together and get conditions for an armistice fully agreed under the Security Council resolution of November 16, which calls for a reduction and withdrawal of armed forces and the establishing of peace time conditions.

Armistice Hope

"Our biggest hope is to achieve an armistice thus paving the way for the Conciliation Commission to work out political problems such as a boundary settlement and other things. We hope to finish within a couple of days."

Dr. Bunche revealed that he had ordered United Nations observers in Palestine to make the "fullest possible check" on both sides of the frontier with Egypt into the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes.

Asked whether the incidents might impair the prospects of a settlement he replied: "I hope not. Now we have in effect a cease fire, there is not supposed to be any military activity on either side—and that includes the British."

Discussing the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes and the representations made by the British, he commented: "The British have filed a formal complaint but I am not in a position to discuss it as my copy is marked confidential.

"I have not received an official statement from the Israel Government on the incident as yet. I have asked observers to make the fullest possible check on both sides of the line and there is nothing I can say until I get their report."

Stumbling Block

Asked what he considered the biggest stumbling block to a peace settlement, Dr. Bunche said: "One of the biggest so far is that we have never been able to discuss it. The biggest problem has been to get the parties together. This is the first step.

In Tel Aviv today, the Soviet Minister to Israel, M. Pavel Yershov, called on the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Shertok, and, according to political sources, offered Israel Soviet support in view of the "deteriorating situation."

These sources said Mr. Shertok told the Russian Minister that the Israel Government did not feel the situation was grave enough but promised to keep the Soviet Minister informed.

The diplomatic activity in Tel Aviv over the weekend was also reported to have included a 15-minute phone call from President Truman in Washington to the head of his diplomatic mission here, Professor James MacDonald.

Professor MacDonald left a dinner on Friday at the hotel outside Tel Aviv, where he was spending the weekend, to receive details at the Israeli Foreign Office of Friday's air activity in which five RAF planes were lost.

Informed sources said Mr. MacDonald was able to give the President a full report and the two men discussed developments. Mr. MacDonald called on Mr. Moshe Shertok yesterday.

The French and Yugoslav representatives in Tel Aviv were among other weekend callers at the Foreign Ministry.

Commandos For Akaba?

Reports from Cyprus said the transport Empire Test, due at Famagusta tomorrow, was believed to be picking up Marine Commandos who have been guarding camps on the island and who have been standing by expecting a call to Akaba.

The destroyer Chequers sailed South from Cyprus this morning, while a second destroyer Chivalrous, was anchored off Famagusta.

Two frigates from Malta are expected at Cyprus soon.

It was officially disclosed in Tel Aviv tonight that a British protest note, delivered in Haifa on the shooting down of RAF planes, was handed back to the British Consul General in Haifa, Mr. Marriot.

An Israeli spokesman said it was handed back because it was addressed to "the Jewish authorities in Palestine," a term which the Jews "do not recognise."

The Israel spokesman said the Jewish authorities are aware of the contents of the note, although they have not received it officially.

The note was originally proferred to the Jewish delegate to the United Nations at Lake Success, who refused to forward it to Tel Aviv on similar grounds. At Haifa it was accepted and taken to Tel Aviv, but when it was examined and its address noted, it was promptly returned.

Israel Story

An Israeli spokesman said today that the two Royal Air Force pilots shot down and captured on Friday said they were not clear where the Egypt-Palestine frontier ran.

They had been told that if hit they must bale out and take to the main road, the spokesman added. They were not to crash-land on emergency aerodromes as they were "in danger of being murdered by the Egyptians."

The second captured pilot was today identified as Frank Harvey Close, of St. Augustine Road, Camden Square, London. He was slightly injured about the face when he baled out at a low level and is now in hospital.

A third RAF pilot, killed when his plane crashed near Nerim, eight miles inside the Palestine frontier, was identified as Pilot Officer David Crossley Tatlersfield, of Northfield, Birmingham.

A Tel Aviv spokesman last night said the other captured pilot was Flying Officer Timothy John McElhaw, of Swindon, Wiltshire.

(The Air Ministry in London said tonight that a fourth British pilot, R. Sayers, who had been flying a Spitfire, was missing. Flying Officer G. S. Cooper, pilot of another Spitfire, was reported by the Air Ministry to be "slightly injured" after baling out from his plane and making his way back to base).

Specifically Briefed

According to the Israeli spokesman, the British pilots said they had been specifically briefed not to fire though their guns were loaded and also not to cross the frontier.

The spokesman said that it was possible the RAF pilots had been misled by the reconstructed Roman road used by the Israeli forces in the recent Negev fighting. They were believed to have confused this with the other main road running South from Gaza.

According to the Israeli spokesman, Friday's sorties were the fourth mission over the area which had been undertaken by the 208 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Air Force.

He alleged that they include one mission on New Year's Day to photograph Israeli defence positions.—Reuter.

Dutch Sink Singapore Ship

Singapore, January 9.

Dutch planes machine-gunned and sank the 167-ton Singapore motor vessel, Klang Peng, killing nine Malays and Chinese in the crew, according to 14 survivors who reached here today.

The master of the vessel, who with two other survivors was taken to hospital with multiple wounds, said three Dutch planes attacked his ship one mile off Pekan Baroe, in North East Sumatra, on New Year's Eve. —Reuter.

PANDIT NEHRU ON THE DELHI MEETING

New Delhi, January 10.

India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, said yesterday that the broad objective of the Asian conference here on January 20, will be to "demonstrate the sympathy of Asian countries towards Indonesia in a practical, creative way."

The Prime Minister made the statement to a working committee of the All India Congress Party, after a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced the date had been changed from the originally planned January 16.

Nations of the Orient have expressed deep resentment at recent Dutch action in crushing the Indonesian Republic. Mr. Nehru denied the conference would attempt to set up any body to compete with existing international organisations.

He said he expected most of the 20 countries invited to attend the conference, which will probably last about three days. Acceptances have already been received from Egypt, Iran, Australia, Burma, Ceylon and Afghanistan. Acceptances from Pakistan and the Philippines are believed to be on the way.

In Madras, a Lutheran Church authority announced Lutheran Churches throughout India have agreed to set aside one Sunday's collection for Indonesian charities.—Associated Press.

Reds Accuse Army Mission

Berlin, January 9.

The Soviet-licenced ADN news agency reported today that Russia has accused the Yugoslav military mission of black market operations and demanded that its staff be cut from 250 to a maximum of 25.

The Yugoslav military mission, one of the most lavish in Berlin, is situated in the British sector and the Russians cannot exercise any direct control over it.

ADN said, however, that Soviet officials have demanded the withdrawal of all Yugoslav officials or private individuals in the Soviet occupation zone who engaged in speculative activities. —United Press.

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Weather Forecast For Austria!

Vienna, January 9.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, today made this forecast of Austrian foreign affairs this year:

"Cloudy at first, some hope of bright periods later."

Referring specially to the lack of an Austrian treaty, he told a Peoples Party audience:

"There will probably be no serious thunderstorm and if heavy showers fall we shall not mind as we have grown thick skins in the past years."

Dr. Figl said the outlook economically was: "continued fair."—Reuter.

British Companies Confident

London, January 10.

Evidence that British companies operating in China are confident they will be able to continue working successfully in Communist-controlled territory was given recently in London by the chairman of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company which controls the Kailan Mines.

After stating that the Communist armies had entered the mines area peacefully and were maintaining order, the chairman said: "I believe that the leaders of these armies will in their own interests recognise the necessity for allowing the company's Administration to continue to function in its present form and will be anxious to render the management of the Administration such assistance as it lies in their power to afford."

He forecasts, however, that in the long run operations would become impossible unless some Government were established able to maintain law and order.

The mines, which have been producing more than half the coal available in Nationalist China, had, until recently, been receiving all possible help from the Chinese Government. In 1946 and 1947, the company had recovered their assets and investments in China up to almost their pre-war value, without having had to subscribe any additional capital either to accomplish this or to keep the Administration running.

Further progress in the first half of 1948 was reported by the chairman. The Government had granted the company considerable short term loans and overdraft facilities, all of which, the chairman said, had been liquidated.

The mines had recently had to curtail output of coal by 25 per cent, because coal stocks had risen considerably since the cutting of the railway connecting the mines with Chinwangtao. The chairman said orders for material equipment and supplies to a total of £400,000 had been placed in Britain.

Assistance To Korea

M. Paul G. Hoffman, United States Economic Co-operation Administrator, who has recently returned to Washington from a round-the-world flight which took him to London, China, Korea and Japan has been telling newsmen that ECA expects to take over the programme of economic assistance to Korea as soon as possible after the first of 1949.

Mr. Hoffman pointed out that when ECA begins operating in Korea it will administer the 125,000,000 dollars programme laid out, by the United States Army for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 1949. Beyond that he said, United States Congress will of course have to make further appropriations for Korean economic assistance.

Asked about continuing ECA assistance to China, Mr. Hoffman said his Shanghai press conference on the subject had been clear, although published accounts had not brought out that he was discussing only ECA feeding programmes in six Chinese cities still under Nationalist control.

He said that ECA officials had concluded that the programme would be continued as far as supplies currently on hand were concerned provided any de facto military governments taking over were willing to meet ECA conditions being met by the Nationalist Government.

Reconstruction Of China

Mr. Hoffman made it clear, however, that he had suspended virtually all funds for the 70 million dollar long range reconstruction and engineering programme in China until the situation there clarified. "We have no idea whether a de facto government would accept our conditions or not; the conditions are pretty tough," he said, adding that they include full right of inspection and supervision; full protection of ECA personnel and freedom to continue ECA information programmes.

Mr. Hoffman concluded by lauding the zeal and enthusiasm he had found among Korean officials who are determined, he said, to build a democratic government in Korea.

Tea Situation

Reviewing the world tea situation at the annual meeting of Harrisons and Crosfield, the chairman said that 1948 crops were keeping up well quantitively and would not be very far behind the 1947 production, in spite of blister blight which, formerly a problem only in Northern India, had recently made its appearance in South India and Ceylon.

Modification, he said, of the pruning programme seemed to be the first ameliorative step to take and that this was being applied might be deduced from the latest out turn figures.

The chairman expressed disappointment over the decision of the British Food Ministry to seek new bulk contracts for Britain's 1949 supplies: "The trade had been hoping that London auctions would have been resumed, even in the modified form necessary to tea being subsidised and maximum retail prices fixed. In spite of these drawbacks we think most buyers would have welcomed the opportunity of choosing the teas they want instead of having to take whatever is allocated to them."

Results Of 1948

Referring to the results of 1948, the chairman said that the British Tea Controller invited tenders for 300,000,000 lbs., from India, and 28,000,000 lbs., from Pakistan; against the former he received acceptances for 288,000,000 and against the latter for 35,000,000, "but we understand the Pakistan Government were not willing to sanction more than the amount asked for."

The amount received from Ceylon, the chairman said, was again disappointing; 150,000,000 lbs., were called for but only about 98,000,000 tendered. The chairman said Britain would get about 20,000,000 lbs., from East Africa. Turning to India, the chairman said that in the Dooars district, some gardens were still holding 1947 teas after several invoices of new season's teas had been manufactured. Transport had recently improved with the result that arrivals at Calcutta were now more satisfactory than early in the year.

"In view of the abundant leaf growth in India and Ceylon in 1947," the chairman continued, "quality was naturally not so good as usual, and there have been complaints from overseas markets of an undue proportion of badly manufactured stalky teas."

Of Java, the chairman said: "Rehabilitation has been slow and uncertain; we estimate production during the current year at around 20 million lbs., with an export of perhaps 15 million."

"In Sumatra, hardly any tea factories survived and only a small quantity of tea is being turned out on the East coast."—Reuter.

Americans Want The Pacific

Washington, January 10.

The National Federation of American Shipping yesterday proposed the virtual exclusion of Japanese merchant vessels from world trade.

In a statement outlining the American industry's objectives for 1949, the Federation said:

"The Japanese merchant marine should not be allowed to expand beyond the reasonable requirements of their own domestic and foreign commerce.

"Japan should not be allowed, through economic forces and low wages and living standards, to drive other ships from their proper participation in Pacific trade.

"She should not be allowed to invade other ports and trades where international incidents may be created."

This was one of several points detailed in the Federation programme, drafted last week at a meeting of the Board of directors in New York.

The Federation said the paramount objectives of the American shipping movement is the carriage of all of its domestic and at least one half of American imports and exports, backed by a modern fleet of passenger steamships to serve the principal overseas routes.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold continued on the up grade yesterday morning, reaching HK$304.75 a tael after opening at $303, but in the afternoon it eased off to $303.87½.

U.S. dollars were also easier in the afternoon, closing at HK$5.07, after opening at $5.08¾.

Gold Yuan for Hong Kong delivery varied from 3.25 cents to 3.525 cents. For Canton remittances rates were from 2.65 cents to 2.8 cents; and for Shanghai remittances, from 2.025 cents to 2.15 cents.

Piastres opened at HK$7.80 a 100 and closed at $8.05. Highest and lowest rates were $8.27½ and $7.75.

Ticals dropped to HK$24.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK$3 a 100 and went up 10 cents in the afternoon.

Sterling made a further climb to HK$15.35. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$12.53.

Notice To Consignees

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Hong Kong, January 10, 1949.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hong Kong, January 10, 1949.

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"SURPRISE" †	San Francisco	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	San Francisco.
"JOPLIN VICTORY"	"	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	San Francisco; Los Angeles via Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 11.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; ex-Hongkong via Canton: 3 p.m.; ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m., ex-Canton seven flights.
AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 2 p.m.
CPA ex-Sydney via Manila: 12.30 p.m., ex-Singapore via Bangkok 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
LAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 3.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 3 p.m. (one day late).
QANTAS ex-Oslo, Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m. Shanghai via Amoy, Canton: 2.55 p.m.; ex-Shanghai via Taipeh: 3 p.m.; ex-Canton via Swatow: 3.20 p.m., ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m., ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m., ex-Manila: 2.30 p.m.
PAA ex-Manila: 2 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 3.30 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 3 p.m., ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 12.30 p.m.
CNAC for Shanghai: 12.15 p.m., 2.25 p.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Foochow: 8 a.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 3 p.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, Southampton: 7.45 p.m. (one day late).
AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 1.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Foochow via Canton: 8 a.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.
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CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.45 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.; Manila: 11 a.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
BOAC for Shanghai: 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY

AIR FRANCE for Shanghai: 6.30 a.m.
CNAC for Shanghai: 10 a.m., 12.45 p.m.; Shanghai via Taipeh, Foochow: 8 a.m.; Taiwan: 7.40 a.m.; Canton via Swatow: 8 a.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Nanking via Canton, Nanchang: 8 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 3 p.m.; Bangkok: 4.30 p.m.
AIR FRANCE for Shanghai: 7 a.m.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (GPO) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.;
Haiphong and Hoihow, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping; Airmail for Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

LEISE MAERSK (Jebsen), Danish, 5,056 tons, ex-USA A11

TODAY

LIGHTNING (USL) ex-San Francisco.
MOLENKERK (RIL) ex-Japan.
PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) ex-Manila.
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai.

TOMORROW

BATAAN (Gilman) ex-Europe.
MANDO (MM) ex-Japan.
PACIFIC TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila.
PETREL (MM) ex-Shanghai.
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Manila.
VIGNES (Wallem) ex-Pacific Coast.
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) ex-USA.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

FUKIEN (B & S) for Yokohama.
HAI YANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
HEINRICH JESSEN (B & S) for Swatow.
SEA BADGER (HK Shipping) for S'hai.
SHENGKING (B & S) for Shanghai.

TODAY

FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) for New York.
KWEIYANG (B & S) for Amoy.
TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.

TOMORROW

HAI TSIN (CMSN) for Haiphong.
HUNG CHANG (CMSN) for Singapore.
LOOKABURRA (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.
LIGHTNING (USL) for San Francisco.
MOLENKERK (RIL) for Europe.

Vessels In Port

ANAKAN (Grimble) ..... K. Dk.
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COMET (HKS Co.) .....
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EASTERN TRADER (HK Eastern) ..... T. Dk
EMPIRE TERN (Williamson) ..... Y.B.
FUKWANG (A.P.C.) ..... Port Otter
HAI TAN (Douglas) ..... K. Dk.
HAI FEI (CMSN) ..... K. Dk.
HALEAKALA (De La Rama) ..... T.K. Dk.
HANGSANG (Jardine) B2
HONG SIANG (Ho Hong) ..... T. Dk.
INCHCRAG (Williamson) ..... Y.M.T.
INCHWELLS (Williamson) ..... Ymt.
KIANG YONG (Gilman) ..... Ymt.
LEISE MAERSK (Jebsen) A11
LOUIS MOLLER (Mollers) ..... K. Dk.
MASBATE (S. China) ..... L.C.K.
MAYON (Jardine) ..... K. Dk.
NGO WEI (C.M.S.N.) ..... S.S. Po
NORTH STAR (Mollers) ..... Ymt.
PAKHOI (B & S) ..... Taikoo Dk.
POLTAVA (Wallem) ..... Taikoo Dk.
ROSEVILLE (Bank) ..... K. Dk
SAN EDUARDO (Manuels) ..... Ymt.
SANVIKEN (Wallem) ..... Taikoo Dk.
SKAUBO (Hunt) ..... A-
SHIH MEN (Dodwell) ..... H.H. Bay
STORE NORDISKE (Easter Ext.) H H
TAIKINSHAN (Shun Cheong) ..... Yau
TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk
TIEN SHAN (CMSN) ..... T. Wan
TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
TSINAN (B & S) ..... Cust. Whf.
VAN HEUTSZ (R.I.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
YUNG HAO ..... K. Dk.
WAH CHUNG (S. China) ..... BG
WHANGPU (B. & S.) ..... L.C.K.
WOSANG (Jardine) ..... K. Dk.

VESSELS DUE FROM

AFRICA

	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	17
	Mar.
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa..	29
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	9

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	Jan.
BOHEME (Hunt)' ex-USA	14
COURSER (USL) ex-New York	26
DONA ANICETA (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	22
FERNPLANT (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	22
FERNGULF (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	14
ISLAND MAIL (Everett) ex-USA..	13
MEMNON (B & S) ex-USA	20
PIONEER LAKE (USL) ex-New York	30
PIONEER WAVE (USL) ex-Atlantic Ports	23
RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) ex-Manila	15
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) ex-USA	12
	Feb.
AMERICAN MAIL (Everett) ex-USA	2
ARNOLD MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	23
BELLEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Ports	18
CHINA MAIL (Everett) ex-USA ..	13
MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	5
SALLY MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	10
STEEL ADMIRAL (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Coast	13
TONGHAI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	7
	Mar.
FERNFIELD (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	5
FERNDALE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	15
	April
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	16

PACIFIC COAST

	Jan.
ALMO VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	14
BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast	17
CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast	14
FRANCISVILLE (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast	17
GOVERNOR DIXON (U.S.L.) ex-Los Angeles	19
JOPLIN VICTORY (USL) ex-San Francisco	24
LOUIS SLOSS (USL) ex-Frisco	19
LIGHTNING (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	11
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-USA	21
MANKATO VICTORY (APL) ex-San Francisco	27
PACIFIC TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Frisco	18
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON (A.P.L.) ex-Los Angeles	21
PRESIDENT TAFT (A.P.L.) ex-Pacific Coast	16
PRES. MADISON (APL) ex-Pacific Coast	20
PRES. WILSON (APL) ex-Pacific Coast	14
SURPRISE (U.S.L.) ex-Frisco	24
VIGNES (Wallem) ex-Pacific Coast	12
VITO (Wallem) ex-Pacific Coast....	17
	Feb.
ARIZONA (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast	18
KENNETH MCKAY (APL) ex-New Orleans	16
PHILIPPINE BEAR (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	2
SEA SERPENT (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	9
NEW WORLD VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	9

Closing Times by Sea

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, Madagascar, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, Noon.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Straits, 3 p.m.

Mar.

CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast	17

AUSTRALIA

	Jan.
AROR (Dodwell) ex-Australia	Mid
CHANGTE (B. & S.) ex-Australia	End
KAFIRISTAN (Jardine)	End
	Feb.
GITOR (Dodwell) ex-Australia .	Early
SHANSI (B. & S.) ex-Australia	1st wk.

CHINA

	Jan.
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Shanghai	27
HUNAN (B & S) ex-Inchon	16
LOKSANG (Jardine) ex-Inchon	16
MANDO (MM) ex-Shanghai	13
MEERKERK (RIL) ex-Shanghai, Japan	27
PETREL (RIL) ex-Shanghai	12
SHENGKING (B & S) ex-Amoy	19
SHIOHANA (BI) ex-Shanghai	22
TASMAN (RIL) ex-Amoy	19
TSINAN (B & S) ex-Swatow	14
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-S'hai 11 & 23	
	Feb.
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Amoy	9
TREVEAN (P & O) ex-Shanghai, Japan	1
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Shanghai	1

EUROPE

	Jan.
ANCHISE (B & S) ex-UK	14
BATAAN (Gilman) ex-Europe	17
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-U.K. ..	36
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-UK	17
CANTON (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	17
CHAMPOLLION (MM) ex-Europe ..	15
CYCLOPS (B & S) ex-UK	20
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-U.K.	13
MALACCA (EA Co.) ex-Europe	18
OLUF MAERSK (Gilman) ex-Europe	15
TANTALAUS (B & S) ex-UK	22
TOMAR (Thoresen) ex-Europe	Mid
	Feb.
ARCHILLES (B & S) ex-UK	10
BENGAL (Gilman) ex-U.K.	Mid
BENREOCH (Loxley) ex-UK	Early
BENVENUE (Loxley) ex-UK	Early
CARTHAGE (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	14
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-U.K. ..	20
MEDON (B & S) ex-UK	4
MONGOLIA (E.A.C.) ex-Europe ..	Mid
RAVNAR (Thoresen) ex-Europe ..	Mid
RIJNKERK (RIL) ex-Europe	Early
ROMALI (P & O) ex-London	18
TREVELYAN (P & O) ex-London ..	19
TREVINCE (P & O) ex-London ..	16
	March
CORFU (P & O) ex-UK	8
MANCHURIA (E.A. Co.) ex-Europe,	Mid
	April
CANTON (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	11
	May
CARTHAGE (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	9
	June
CORFU (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	6

INDIA

	Jan.
KUTSANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta, Straits	28
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Calcutta	22
	Feb.
SIRDHANA (BI) ex-India and Straits	4
SANGOLA (BI) ex-Calcutta	14

JAPAN

	Jan.
MANDO (MM) ex-Japan	12
MOLENKERK (RIL) ex-Japan	11
SIRDHANA (BI) ex-Japan, Shanghai	22
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Japan	29
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Japan	18
	Feb.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Japan	9

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

	Jan.
HINSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan ..	20
MAUSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan..	22
PACIFIC TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila	12
PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila	25
POYANG (B & S) ex-Bangkok	15
KUTSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	24
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-Manila	21
REDEVERETT (Everett) ex-Saigon	25
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Straits	22
SZECHUEN (B & S) ex-Singapore ..	13
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ex-Straits ..	22
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Manila..	12
VAN REIMSDIJK (RIL) ex-Straits	27
	Feb.
TJISADANE (RIL) ex-Macassar ...	4

VANCOUVER

	Jan.
MONTANA (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	14
	Feb.
IDAHO (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver ..	18
	Mar.
MONTANA (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	17

SOUTH AMERICA

	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	17
	Mar.
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	29
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	9

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

Jan.
25 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. Africa and S. America.
Feb.
25 RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
Mar.
29 STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
April
18 BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

Jan.
11 FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) for New York.
23 BENARES (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
14 MARCHEN MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
13 WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) for USA.
14 ISLAND MAIL (Everett) for USA.
15 FERNGULF (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.
Mid. TWEED BANK (Bank) for USA
16 RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) for New York.
19 BENARES (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
23 STEEL FLYER (Gilman) for Atlantic Coast.
23 BORGHOLT (Wallem) for New York.
30 MADAKET (Wallem) for New York.
24 DONA ANICETA (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
24 DARTMOUTH VICTORY (A.P.L.) for New York.
24 CHRISTER SALEN (Hunt) for Atlantic Ports.
27 COURSER (USL) for New York.
Feb.
1 KYSKA (Wallem) for New York.
3 AMERICAN MAIL (Everett) for USA.
6 MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) for U.S.A.
6 STEEL SEAFARER (Gilman) for New York.
8 TREIN MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
14 CHINA MAIL (Everett) for USA.
Mar.
6 FERNFIELD (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.
Apr.
16 HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.

PACIFIC COAST

Jan.
15 ALAMO VICTORY (USL) for San Francisco.
12 LIGHTNING (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
12 KOOKABURRA (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.
14 BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) for Pacific Coast.
15 CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.
17 PRESIDENT TAFT (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
18 PRESIDENT TAFT (APL) for San San Francisco.
20 TAHIFA (Dodwell) for USA.
22 PRESIDENT MADISON (APL) for San Francisco.
23 JOPLIN VICTORY (USL) for San Francisco.
25 SURPRISE (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
30 GENERAL GORDON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
Feb.
3 PHILIPPINE BEAR (USL) for Frisco.
4 SEA SERPENT (USL) for San Francisco.
6 NEW YORK VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
10 PRES. PIERCE (APL) for San Francisco.
12 PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) for San Francisco.
14 ARIZONA (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.
Mar.
Mid. TRITON (Dodwell) for USA.
18 CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.

AUSTRALIA

Jan.
Feb.
Mid. KAFIRISTAN (Jardine) for Australia
2nd wk. SHANSI (B. & S.) for Australia.

CHINA

Jan.
14 HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
11 KWEIYANG (B & S) for Amoy, Swatow.
11 SHENGKING (B & S) for Shanghai.
11 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.
14 TEGELBERG (RIL) for Shanghai.
14 & 26 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Keelung.
15 CHAMPOLLION (MM) for S'hai.
15 SINKIANG (B & S) for Amoy, Singapore.
16 HAI TAI (CMSN) for Taam Kong.
16 HUNAN (B & S) for Inchon.
16 TSINAN (B & S) for Shanghai.
21 SHENGKING (B & S) for Shanghai.
22 HAI FEI (CMSN) for Shanghai.
22 HINSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.
22 KAFIRISTAN (Jardine) for Shanghai
25 SHIRALA (BI) for Amoy and Japan.
27 REDEVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.
Feb.
17 SANGOLA (BI) for Amoy and Japan.
18 TREVINCE (P & O) for Shanghai and Japan.

EUROPE

Jan.
13 GLENORCHY (Jardine) for UK.
12 MOLENKIRK (RIL) for Europe.
12 BENNEVIS (Loxley) for London.
14 MANDO (MM) for Europe.
17 OLUF MAERSK (Gilman) for Europe
18 OLUF MAERSK (Gilman) for Europe.
20 BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for UK.
20 SURAT (P & O) for London.
21 CANTON (P. & O.) for U.K.
24 CHAMPOLLION (MM) for Marseilles
24 AENEAS (B & S) for UK.
28 MEERKERK (RIL) for Europe.
End. CITY OF DURHAM (Bank) for Europe.
Feb.
Early. BENVENUE (Loxley) for UK.
3 TREVEAN (P & O) for London.
4 TONGHAI (Gilman) for Europe.
6 ANCHISES (B & S) for UK.
1st half. BENREOCH (Loxley) for UK.
Mid. BENVENUE (Loxley) for UK.
Mid. BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) for U.K.
Mid. RIJNKERK (R.I.L.) for Europe.
18 CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for Europe.
Beg. MALACCA (EA Co.) for Europe.
Beg. MONGOLIA (EA Co.) for Europe
Mar.
14 CORFU (P. & O.) for Europe.
Mid. GLENGARRY (Jardine) for U.K.
April
15 CANTON (P. & O.) for Europe.
Beg. MONGOLIA (EA Co.) for Europe.
May
13 CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for Europe.
June
9 CORFU (P. & O.) for Europe.

INDIA

Jan.
26 SIRDHANA (BI) for Calcutta.
Feb.
3 TREVEAN (Mac Mac) for Bombay.
13 SHIRALA (BI) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

Jan.
18 POYANG (B & S) for Kobe and Yokohama.
20 LOUIS SLOSS (USL) for Japan.
20 GOVERNOR DIXON (USL) for Japan.
22 KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Japan.
23 SIRDHANA (BI) for Japan.
25 SHIRALA (BI) for Japan.
31 KUTSANG (Jardine) for Japan Ports
Feb.
1st wk. CHANGTE (B & S) for Japan.
17 SANGOLA (BI) for Japan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

Jan.
5 PETREL (MM) for Saigon.
12 MOLENKIRK (RIL) for Straits.
12 HAI TSIN (CMSN) for Haiphong.
12 HUNG CHANG (CMSN) for S'gapore
13 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan
14 FOOCHOW (B & S) for Singapore.
14 TURKSHEAD (Everett) for S'gapore.
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26 SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Straits.
28 MEERKERK (RIL) for Manila
28 MANKATO VICTORY (APL) for Manila.
29 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for Manila.
30 MAUSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
31 PIONEER LAKE (USL) for Manila.
Feb.
3 TREVEAN (P & O) for Straits.
3 TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
13 SHIRALA (B.I.) for Straits.
Mid. KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Manila.
17 TJISADANE (RIL) for Java Ports.
20 VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) for Straits.
End. TRITON (Dodwell) for Manila.
Mar.
3 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Macassar
Feb.
4 VAN RIEMSDUK (RIL) for Straits.

SOUTH AMERICA

Jan.
25 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. America.
Feb.
25 RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. America.
Mar.
29 STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. America.
April
18 BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) for S. America

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S.S. "MAUSANG"	....to Sandakan	30th Jan.
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England-Scotland Test For Soccer

London, January 10.

England and Scotland, who meet in what is perhaps the most attractive of the "home" soccer Internationals at Wembley on April 9 are both taking steps to give their near-International players thorough tests.

Bearing in mind that two teams are required to tour the Continent in May, the England selectors may take the unusual course of holding a private trial between two teams of potential Internationals.

Twenty-six players may be called upon to take part in the trial, which would be staged late in March after the semi-finals of the Football Association Cup had been played.

It is hoped that from the trial a full England XI would emerge for the Continental tour which involves matches in Sweden, Norway and France and a "B" team which would play matches in England and Holland.

Scotland, in the happy position of having beaten Wales and Ireland, are hoping to arrange a trial with the Army side and are willing to come to England to play the match.

The match is to be played in February. The match would give Scotland the opportunity of trying out some of her shadow-team men in representative football and at the same time afford the Army XI with the necessary match practice and prepare them for matches against the Royal Air Force on March 9, the Royal Navy on March 16, the French Army on March 24 and the Belgian Army on April 6.

Tickets Sold Out

All tickets for the England-Scotland match have been sold, according to the Football Association. It is understood that the tickets have been distributed in the same manner as the Cup Final tickets, that is, "only through County associations and clubs in full membership with the Football Association."

Such a method of distribution gives rise to comment for the Cup Final system has been much criticised in the past. To employ the same methods for such a popular International means that many of football's true followers—the man on the terrace—will not be able to see the match.

This is the first time that tickets for the fixture have been dealt with in this way but whatever the conditions on that day and on Cup Final day, the Wembley Stadium is certain to be full and receipts will be about £60,000.—Reuter.

Qualifying Rounds For Junior Title

There are 42 contestants for the 16 qualifying places for the Junior Championship. They will fight it out over Match Play, the first two rounds to be played on January 23.

The first qualifying round was won by Mr. J D Clague with a net of 169 followed by Mr. J D Mackie with 172.

The Handicap 36 hole prize was won by Mr. W J. Dyer with 138, runner up Mr. R R Coombs with 141.

The best net score on the Old Course was won by Mr. L C. Saville with a net 67 and on the New by Mr. J. Linaker with a net 64.

The weekly medal on the Old Course was won by Mr. R.R. Coombs with a net 70.

Mr. S S. Gordon entered the final of the 1948 Captain's cup beating Mr. Robb by one hole.

The draw for the Junior Championship is as follows:

Prophet v. J D. Mackie, Coombs v. Gordon, Goldman v. de Pinna, W. Hung v. McKellar, Low v. J.B. Mackie, Vaughan v. Saville, Suen v. Heath, Clague v. Dyer.

One incident occurred in a player during the qualifying rounds which most probably creates a record to any one possessing a full set of clubs, that of playing seven consecutive shots with the same club. His hole was made up as follows: one drive, seven shots with a No. 7 iron and one putt.

News has just been received that the team that Nanking hoped to send down here over Chinese New Year will not be able to come. This will release further accommodation in the Men's Club House.

Sub-Zero Cold Wave Sweeps U.S.

Chicago, January 9.

A real winter cold wave spread over the nation today as the storm following last week's savage Western blizzard dwindled to minor snow flurries and more moderate winds. A bitter cold air mass from Canada sent temperatures plunging below zero across the Northern States from Montana to Minnesota and spread East, South and West.

Weather forecasters warned that Southern California could expect more freezing weather like that which damaged the citrus fruit crop last week.

Colder temperatures also invaded Northern California and a strong North East wind threatened crops.

The cold wave was reported to be spreading South through the plains States and was expected to reach New Mexico. It swept Eastward into the Middle West, headed for Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. By tomorrow, the Weather Bureau said, the cold will have reached the Atlantic States, bringing snow flurries to New York and other areas.

The new storm dumped more snow on Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and other areas hard hit in last week's blizzard, before moving into the Dakotas last night where it all but vanished. Reports from the Dakotas today said winds which reached 50 miles an hour last night had dwindled to 20.

As the cold wave advanced, it turned rain and sleet into dangerous ice on many highways in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.—United Press.

Japanese Steel Output Rises

Tokyo, January 10.

Japan's largest steel mill has produced twice as much ingot and rolled steel as it did last year and has boosted production pig iron 1½ times over last year's output, according to SCAP and Japanese sources.

The mill is at Yawata on Kyushu.

During the first three quarters of the current Japanese fiscal year, the Yawata plant turned out 305,000 tons of pig iron; 409,000 tons of steel ingots; 303,000 tons of rolled steel. If production continues at this rate during the fourth quarter, all output records will be broken for the fiscal year, as they already have for the calendar year.

Production was largely from imported iron ore and coal.

SCAP steel expert said the Yawata mill is operating only "a small percentage" of its equipment and that production can be increased further if more raw materials are available and more equipment is used.—Associated Press.

Schroeder Beats Herbie Flam

Palm Springs, California, January 9.

The Davis Cup player, Ted Schroeder, today turned back Herbie Flam of UCLA, 6-1 6-4, to win the 11th annual Palm Springs invitational tennis tournament.

Flam, who upset the National champion, Ricardo "Pancho" Gonzales, yesterday in the semi-final round, played a fierce game, but finally succumbed to the powerful striking Schroeder.

Miss Beverly Baker won a close match over Miss Ginny N. Keleser, 6-2, 8-6, to take the women's singles crown.

In the mixed doubles, Gladys and Julius Heldman beat another husband and wife combination of Ed and Pat Yeomans, 6-3, 6-4.—United Press.

Paris, January 9.

Ocean Blue II, the French six-year-old who has been entered for the Liverpool Grand National, finished fourth at Pau today in the cross-country steeplechase, Prix J.H. Wright, over three miles one furlong.

He finished 12 lengths behind the winner, Fanny.—Reuter.

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Recreio Beat Civil Service XI, 2 To 0

(By KIMBERLEY)

Grand hockey, clean and fast, was presented at the Recreio-Civil Service match, the Portuguese boys winning by the only two goals scored.

On the Navy ground, Khalsa beat the Navy, 2-1. Other scores were: Police 4 YMCA 0, Dockyard 2 Cable and Wireless 1; RAF 2 Dutch HC 0, Army 3 HKU 0.

In an excellent display of sportsmanship by both teams, Recreio gained a two-goal victory over the Civil Service in one of the most interesting hockey games yet seen in the present fixtures.

Whereas Recreio was a more cohesive team, the CS boys were determined, having suffered a 4-1 defeat in the first draw.

Play began briskly with the CS team first on the sweep. But after 10 minutes, Recreio became well settled and reversed the situation, carrying the ball deep into their opponents' quarters.

Early scoring, however, was not possible as Cannon, CS's stalwart right back, nullified every assault with his excellent stopping which was later to prevent what would otherwise have been heavier damages against his side.

Sid Fowler, with Cannon in the defence, was also a stubborn back, clearing without error.

Five minutes before the interval, came Recreio's first goal.

Their short-passing, compact technique resulted in a scuffle before CS's goalmouth. Billy Soares, Recreio left wing, flicked the ball from centre deep into the net, far out of Clarke's reach.

The game resumed its quick pace, with Recreio persistent in the attack. Now and again Ernie Fowler, CS's centre forward slipped passes behind the Portuguese halves but inadequate forward support killed every opportunity at scoring.

With 10 minutes to go, Willie Read lifted the ball from short corner to score the last goal of the match.

Recreio gave one of their finest hockey exhibitions. Their strength was concentrated in six men: three forwards and three halves, with Willie Read in the fulcrum.

This compact unit manoeuvred with mechanical precision up and down the field, a battering ram in the attack, and a solid block when defending.

Khalsa, after being down one goal in the first half, raced away in the second to score two, winning the game. Cable and Wireless, contrary to expectations, went down by one goal in three to a lively Dockyard eleven; and lastly, the Police had no difficulty in scoring four goals against a comparatively younger YMCA team without suffering any damage themselves.

Draw For Fourth Round Cup Tilts

London, January 10.

The draw for the fourth round of the Football Association Cup matches to be played on Saturday, January 29, was made today as follows:

Sheffield United v. Wolverhampton Wanderers, Rotherham United v. Burnley, Aston Villa or Bolton Wanderers v. Cardiff City, Stoke City v. Blackpool, Gateshead v. West Bromwich Albion, Newport County v. Queens Park Rangers or Huddersfield Town, Derby County v. Arsenal, Brentford v. Torquay United, Chelsea v. Everton, Birmingham City or Leicester City v. Preston North End, Portsmouth v. Sheffield Wednesday, Luton Town v. Walsall, Grimsby Town v. Hull City, Notts Forest or Liverpool v. Notts County, Manchester United v. Bradford, Yeovil Town v. Sunderland.

Replays where necessary will take place the following Saturday, February 5.—Reuter.

Clash Over Peruvian Fugitive

Bogota, January 9.

Peruvian police today surrounded Colombia's Embassy in Lima, where Senor Victor Paul Haya de La Torre, leader of the outlawed leftwing Aprista Party had taken refuge.

Peru has refused him a safe conduct to Colombia as requested by the Colombian Government.

The Colombian Foreign Minister, Senor Zuleta, declared on hearing the news that Colombia would stand firm on her inflexible policy of granting asylum to foreign political refugees.

(Several Aprista leaders have been arrested by the police while some have fled the country).

The party, outlawed both by the recently overthrown Government under President Luis Bustamente and by the present one, is alleged to have taken part in a naval revolt at Callao on October 3 before the revolution.—Reuter.

Shipping Briefs

Making her debut in local waters, the Dutch steamer Perna brought about 12,000 tons of fuel from Miri yesterday.

She also discharged 850 drums of dangerous chemicals.

The master of the ship, formerly on the East Indies intra-island service, reported encountering rough seas two days before reaching the Colony.

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The Danish ship Heinrich Jessen arrived here with about 900 Chinese deck passengers bound from Singapore.

Among her cargo was charcoal for the Colony.

Besides her 443 tons of cargo, including the charcoal, the vessel carried tons of personal effects belonging to the passengers, many of whom are returning to their native villages for the New Year festivities.

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More than 1,700 tons of limestone arrived here from Port Parseval by the Chinese motorship Kwok Peng.

The vessel was severely battered by rough seas on her way here, it was reported.

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The latter part of this month will see four American Navy vessels visiting the Colony on as yet undisclosed missions.

On January 15, the US destroyer Willsie and Hammer are due to arrive from unknown places. Both have arranged to leave on January 20.

The United States tanker Taluga will call here on January 16 and leave on January 10. Her destination has not been reported.

According to the Navy's daily schedules' forecast, no American Navy craft is expected here in February.

Expresses Optimism On English Cricket Standard

Singapore, January 10.

There is no reason whatever why the standard of English cricket should not reach its pre-war standard by about 1951, and from then onwards start winning Tests against Australia, said Mr. P. G. H. Fender, former Surrey and England all-rounder, who is now visiting Singapore.

"After World War I, we lost eight Tests in a row and then drew two before starting to win in 1924—six years afterwards," he said.

Mr. Fender maintained that there was no reason why history should not be repeated. "There is as much young material in English cricket today as there was after 1918."

Mr. Fender is spending a short holiday in Singapore as the guest of the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd.

He retired from first-class cricket in 1935 after 25 years, first with Sussex and then Surrey. Mr. Fender, who is now 56, played in 12 Tests for England against Australia and South Africa.

He said that after World War I, Jack Hobbs and others like him, who were outstanding throughout the war, continued to be so afterwards. "So today, we have Len Hutton and Denis Compton just the same."

Bowling More Affected

Mr. Fender said that bowling was more affected by the interruption of a war than batting.

"In my opinion, a slow bowler wants much more practice than a faster bowler; because his margin of error, particularly in regard to length, is much smaller than the margin of error for a fast bowler," he said.

This was one of the points never fully realised before 1928 as much as in after years. He recalled that in 1928, Jack White played a tremendous part in the winning of a Test series, and in later years Hedley Verity did exactly the same to an even more marked degree.

Speaking of present day prospects, Mr. Fender said that it must be realised the advent of a new star on either side will nearly always alter the normal course of events.—Reuter.

McKenley Leaves For Australia

Long Beach, New Jersey, January 10.

Herb McKenley, holder of the 400 metre world record, left for Australia on Saturday night while the New Jersey Amateur Athletic Union considered a request for his suspension.

The suspension request came from National AAU Secretary Dan Ferris, who said McKenley failed to fulfill an agreement to be in Australia on Saturday for races next week-end.

Art Winsern, Secretary of the Long Beach Athletic Club under whose colours McKenley runs, declared on Sunday that the whole thing was a misunderstanding.

He said the AAU should have negotiated McKenley's Australian appearance through the Club, and if it had there would have been no conflict of dates.

McKenley was to have run the Knights of Columbus meet in Brooklyn on Saturday night. He did not compete.

Ferris said, in asking the New Jersey AAU to suspend McKenley, that the Jamaica speedster would not arrive in Australia before January 14, without much sleep for four days and therefore in no condition to run.

Winsern replied that McKenley had been training hard during a recent visit to his home in Jamaica, and that he will be all right to race.—Associated Press.

Scout Camp Competition

The results of the Scout Camp Competition held at Chaiwan Camp on Saturday and Sunday follow:—

	Points
13th Hong Kong Group (Central Chinese)	186
17th Kowloon Group (La Salle College)	177
23rd Hong Kong Group (Northcote College)	175
1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts	172
15th Hong Kong Group (Wah Yan College)	172
1st Hong Kong Group (St. Joseph's College)	167
25th Kowloon Group (Tak Ming College)	167
14th Hong Kong Group (Chinese)	153
13th Kowloon Group (St. Teresa Church)	148
16th Kowloon Group (Open Group)	146
40th Kowloon Group (Ling Tung College)	146
8th Kowloon Group (Open Group)	140
16th Hong Kong Group (St. Louis School)	133
7th Hong Kong Group (Wan Chai School)	95

In camp, the Scouts were tested in general camping efficiency, leadership and team work, camp hygiene, signalling, first aid, carrying messages and cooking etc.

The 17th Kowloon (La Salle College) Troop won the title of "The Governor's Troop" for 1949. The Banner will be presented at the St. George's Day Parade on April 23.

OPIUM DIVAN KEEPERS GAOLED

With two previous convictions for keeping an opium divan, Fung Chui, widow, aged 33, was sentenced to nine months by F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday for being the keeper of a divan. Defendant was arrested at No. 2 Wing Wo Street, second floor.

Six smokers were fined $100 or 20 days for smoking opium.

Another keeper, Lai Yat, aged 22, with three previous convictions, two for keeping an opium divan and one for larceny, was sentenced to six months and was also recommended for banishment by Mr. d'Almada.

Defendant was arrested at an unnumbered hut opposite house No. 76 First Street. The smokers were fined $100 or 20 days.

Tsui Shu, aged 23, unemployed, came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of breach of deportation order.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year imprisonment after which, to be redeported. Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

SUDDEN DEATH OF TOMMY HANDLEY

London, January 9.

The famous British radio comedian, Tommy Handley, died at his London home today after a seizure.

Handley ranked among the first three or four of Britain's favourite radio comedians. His regular Thursday evening radio shows "It's that man again" was estimated to have drawn a listening audience of well over 10,000,000.

This afternoon, the British Broadcasting Corporation was still broadcasting a recorded version of last Thursday's show before they had learned of Handley's death.

Mr. Handley's age was not listed in any reference book, but was believed to be 52. He collapsed shortly before noon and died a few hours later.

Born in Liverpool, he started work as an apprentice on the Corn Exchange, later becoming a toy manufacturer's salesmen, and reached the stage before the first World War.

He had been broadcasting since the early days of radio but his nationwide fame came with the "ITMA"—abbreviation for "it's that man again" show, started in 1939 and continued with few interruptions until last Thursday.

It was described as "an experiment in noise" and was distinguished for its high spirits, great speed and nonsensical suavity.

At Savoy Hill, the first home of British radio, he met Jean Ollistone, the soprano, and married here in 1929; after what was the first "microphone romance."—Reuter.

TB Death Toll Still High

An average of five people died from tuberculosis daily last year. Total deaths up to December 25 were 1,923.

In the same period there were two deaths from rabies in addition to three deaths involving animals.

Five cases of typhus fever with one death were also recorded in the period under review. Smallpox claimed two victims; measles claimed 68, dysentery, 26; diphtheria, 45; meningitis, 19; and chickenpox, three.

Deaths from tuberculosis outnumbered deaths from all infectious diseases by more than 10 to one.

During the year ended December 25, deaths from all causes totalled 242. Births numbered 1,047. Twenty-six corpses were picked up from the streets.

New Job For Bill Dickey With Yanks

New York, January 9.

The New York Yankees created a new job today for big Bill Dickey, one of the all-time catching greats of baseball history.

Dickey, now Vice-President, will be in charge of Yogi Berra and Ed Lopat.

Signed officially as the Yankee coach, Dickey's chief chore for the 1949 season will be to equip Yogi with a radar arm so the squat Yankee catcher can locate second base on his throwdowns.

Also he will try to convince Lopat that it is just as much fun to pitch in cold weather as it is in summer.

Either task would put wrinkles on the face of a billiard ball, but if Dickey is successful, the Yankees would reap huge profit.

"We've got to convince Lopat that he is not strictly a hot weather pitcher," said General Manager George Weiss. "It always seems to work out that way but I can't see any reason for it."

Won 17 Games

Lopat, stocky lefthander who won 17 and lost 11 for the Yanks last year, did not get on the winning side of his personal won-and-lost record until June 29, when the warm weather was in full sway.

Dickey has Lopat in tow this winter. Lopat is a business partner of George Dickey, former White Sox catcher and Bill's brother.

Dickey won't catch up with Berra until the spring training, but Weiss is most anxious to polish up his diamond in the rough, since Yogi represents real left-handed hitting power.

Weiss said: "Dickey said he could help Berra. And I know what great things Bill can do with a catcher. When we had Aaron Robinson, he could not throw at all until Dickey began to work with him."

Putting a little warm blood in Lopat's veins, however, could bring results with almost uncertain possibilities. He has been tabbed as a hot weather pitcher throughout his Major League career, and the lift he gets when the sun will fry eggs on the sidewalk usually permits him to wind up the season with a classy record.

He won only two and lost five in uncertain weather up to June 13 last season before he began to boil over and won nine in a row.—United Press.

No Controls For Ruhr

Washington, January 9.

It was disclosed today that the State Department felt it was not desirable for the United States to insist on international ownership of the Ruhr Valley.

The Co-operative League of the United States made public a letter from the head of the Central European Affairs Division, in which the official said the Ruhr "does not seem necessary to require internationalising ownership."

Mr. Murray Lincoln, League President, had proposed that Ruhr ownership be internationalised and industries operated under an international public resources authority.

Mr. Beam, head of the European Division, said the recently-concluded six-power agreement on the Ruhr, which leaves final disposition of the plants to a democratic German government, prevented its return to the former Nazi owners. He wrote that resources of the Ruhr "are not only susceptible to military but equally vital to successful functioning of European peacetime economy, including that of Germany." "We believe the incentives to efficient operation of Ruhr industries would be largely destroyed if the Germans, who have developed managerial and posses of trained labour to operate industries were excluded."—United Press.

World-Wide Baseball

St. Louis, January 10.

Global Commissioner J. G. Taylor Spink of the National Baseball Congress and publisher of the Sporting News, in an effort to stimulate interest in baseball on a world-wide basis, today approved a plan permitting the Hawaiian and Philippine champions to compete in the 15th annual National tournament at Wichita, starting on August 19.

Spink said that with General MacArthur's approval, an international series in Tokyo will be held in October, 1950, with the expenses of the Western Hemisphere champions assumed by the National Baseball Congress.

Spink reported that Admiral Giles C. Stedman, Far Eastern Commissioner, recommended a berth for the Philippine champions in the forthcoming United States finals. Tentative plans have been discussed with Charles Parsons of Manila, NBC Philippines Commissioner.

Tournaments will be held in Hawaii to determine the 1949 National tournament representatives.

Spink said he approved the Philippine request to enable Far Eastern teams to become familiar with United States play teams in preparation for the Tokyo series and added that the Philippines and the Hawaiian commissioners had until February 15 to confirm the approval.—United Press.